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I. Factsheet on special procedures

2016

Mandates and mandate holders

57 mandates – **43** thematic and **14** country mandates
2 new mandates established: Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and Special Rapporteur on the right to development.
active mandate holders
79 mandate holders finished their term in office and
10 new mandate holders were appointed
13 of mandate holders are female
41% of mandate holders are male
59%

Communications

526 communications sent to **119** States and **23** non-State actors
62% of United Nations Member States received one or more communications from special procedures
1282 individual cases covered, of which **216** women
431 replies received, of which **313** to communications sent in 2016
59% reply rate to communications sent in 2015
187 communications followed-up by mandate holders
3 communications reports submitted, one to each Human Rights Council session

Country visits

96 country visits to **65** States and territories
117 standing invitations extended by Member States and **1** by a non-Member Observer State
2 standing invitations issued in 2015
167 United Nations Member States have been visited at least once
26 Member States not yet visited

Forums, consultations and expert meetings

2 forums organized – 5th annual forum on Business and Human Rights and 9th annual forum on Minority Issues.
38 experts meetings and consultations organized by mandate holders, including in cooperation with other parts of the United Nations system as well as with regional mechanisms.

Thematic and country visit reports

134 reports submitted to the Human Rights Council, of which **58** country visit reports
39 reports submitted to the General Assembly

Media outreach and public awareness

461 media products released – **322** press releases, **42** media statements and **97** media advisories.
6 press releases and public statements issued by the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures.

Engagement with other parts of the United Nations system and regional mechanisms

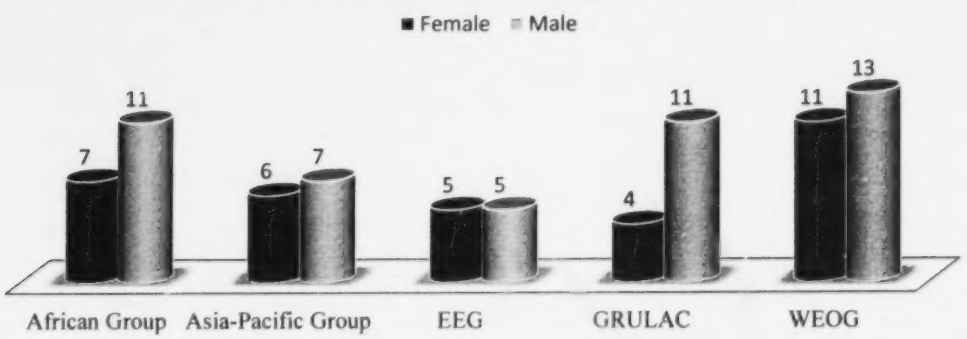
Special procedures mandate holders engaged and/or undertook joint activities with the Treaty Bodies, Universal Periodic Review, OHCHR, UNHCR, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Disability and Accessibility, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, OCHA, Department of Political Affairs, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Security Council, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee, MINUSMA, UNAMI, United Nations Country Teams, UNDP, Inter-Agency Standing Committee, UNDSS, UN Women, UNESCO, WHO, UNAIDS, ILO, UNICEF, IOM, UNFPA, United Nations Development Group - Human Rights Working Group, UNCTAD, FAO, United Nations Partnership to Promote the rights of persons with disabilities, UN-Water, UNWRA, WFP and UNEP.

Special procedures mandate holders engaged and/or undertook joint activities with regional mechanisms, including the European Union (European Commission, European External Action Service), Council of Europe, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Inter-American system (Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights), Organization of American States, African Union (African Commission on Human and People's Rights.

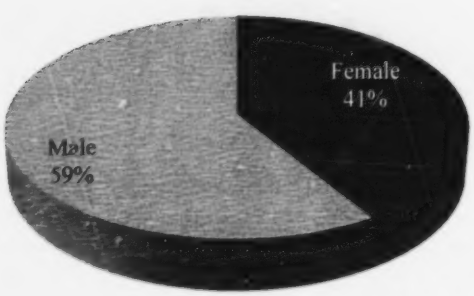
II. Statistics on current mandate holders (as at 31 December 2016)

United Nations Regional Groups of Member States	Male	Female	Total	Geographic distribution
African Group	11	7	18	22.5%
Asian-Pacific Group	7	6	13	16%
Eastern European Group (EEG)	5	5	10	12.5%
Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC)	11	4	15	18%
Western European and Others Group (WEOG)	13	11	23	30%
Total	**47**	**33**	**80**	**100%**
Gender balance	**59%**	**41%**	**100%**	

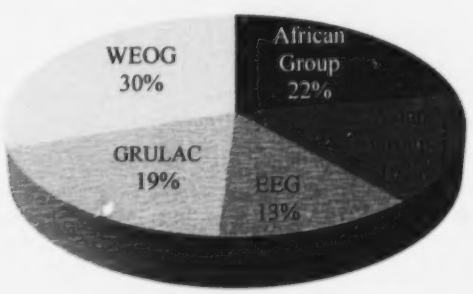
Regional distribution of mandate holders, including gender composition



Gender balance of mandate holders



Geographical distribution of mandate holders



III. Overview of standing invitations

A standing invitation is an open invitation extended by a Government to all thematic special procedures. By extending a standing invitation States announce that they will always accept requests for visits from all special procedures. As at 31 December 2016, out of the 193 United Nations Member States, the following 117 Member States (61 %) as well as one non-Member Observer State had extended a standing invitation to the thematic special procedures.

Countries	Date	Countries	Date
Albania	2 December 2009	Liechtenstein	21 January 2003
Andorra	3 November 2010	Lithuania	March 2001
Argentina	3 December 2002	Luxembourg	March 2001
Armenia	1 May 2006	Madagascar	26 August 2011
Australia	7 August 2008	Malawi	7 September 2015
Austria	March 2001	Maldives	2 May 2006
Azerbaijan	15 April 2013	Malta	March 2001
Bahamas	6 June 2013	Marshall Islands	4 March 2011
Belgium	March 2001	Mexico	March 2001
Benin	31 October 2012	Monaco	22 October 2008
Bolivia	10 February 2010	Mongolia	9 April 2004
Bosnia and Herzegovina	7 May 2010	Montenegro	11 October 2005
Brazil	10 December 2001	Mozambique	12 April 2016
Bulgaria	March 2001	Nauru	30 May 2011
Burundi	6 June 2013	Netherlands	March 2001
Cameroon	15 September 2014	New Zealand	3 February 2004
Canada	April 1999	Nicaragua	26 April 2006
Cape Verde	26 April 2013	Niger	21 August 2012
Central African Republic	3 September 2013	Nigeria	25 October 2013
Chad	1 June 2012	Norway	26 March 1999
Chile	12 May 2009	State of Palestine (non-Member Observer State)	30 July 2014
Colombia	17 March 2003	Palau	3 May 2011
Costa Rica	2002	Panama	14 March 2011
Croatia	13 March 2003	Papua New Guinea	11 May 2011
Cyprus	March 2001	Paraguay	28 March 2003
Czech Republic	September 2000	Peru	3 April 2002
Denmark	March 2001	Poland	March 2001
Dominica	9 December 2009	Portugal	March 2001

Ecuador	9 January 2003	Qatar	1 June 2010
El Salvador	9 February 2010	Republic of Korea	3 March 2008
Estonia	March 2001	Republic of Moldova	2 June 2010
Fiji 17 March 2015		Romania	March 2001
Finland March 2001		Rwanda	27 June 2011
France March 2001		Samoa	14 February 2011
Gabon 29 October 2012		San Marino	3 April 2003
Georgia	30 March 2010	Sao Tome and Principe	2 February 2011
Germany	March 2001	Serbia	11 October 2005
Ghana	21 April 2006	Seychelles	5 November 2012
Greece	March 2001	Sierra Leone	7 April 2003
Guatemala	April 2001	Slovakia	March 2001
Guinea-Bissau	7 May 2010	Slovenia	March 2001
Honduras	12 May 2010	Solomon Islands	6 May 2011
Hungary	March 2001	Somalia	13 April 2016
Iceland	September 2000	South Africa	17 July 2003
India	14 September 2011	Spain	March 2001
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	24 July 2002	Sri Lanka	17 December 2015
Iraq	16 February 2010	Sweden	March 2001
Ireland	March 2001	Switzerland	1 April 2002
Italy	March 2001	Thailand	4 November 2011
Japan	1 March 2011	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	13 October 2004
Jordan	20 April 2006	Tonga	25 January 2013
Kazakhstan	28 July 2009	Tunisia	28 February 2011
Kenya	22 January 2015	Turkey	March 2001
Kuwait	13 September 2010	Tuvalu	26 April 2013
Latvia	March 2001	Ukraine	23 June 2006
Lebanon	17 March 2011	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	March 2001
Lesotho	21 January 2015	Uruguay	18 March 2005
Liberia	25 September 2015	Vanuatu	12 May 2009
Libya	15 March 2012	Zambia	16 July 2008

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Map of standing invitations for country visits extended to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council (as at 31 December 2016)

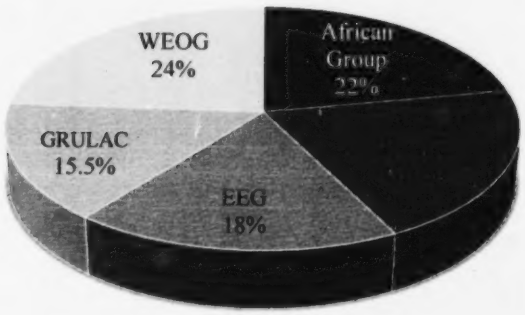
Definition and meta-data: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/HRIndicators/MetadataStandingInvitations.pdf
Source: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, List of Standing Invitations to Special Procedures, December 2016
For other relevant information on the activities of the Special Procedures, see the Annual Facts and Figures, http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Publications.aspx#annual

Note: The boundaries and the names shown and the designations used on these maps do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations. Dotted line represents approximately the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties.

Statistics on standing invitations

United Nations Regional Groups of Member States	Number of standing invitations extended by States within their regional group	Percentage of standing invitations extended within regional groups	Percentage of standing invitations extended by regional groups
African Group	26 out of 54 States	48 %	22 %
Asia-Pacific Group	24 out of 53 States	45 %	20.5 %
EEG	21 out of 23 States	91 %	18 %
GRULAC	18 out of 33 States	55 %	15.5 %
WEOG	28 out of 30 States	93%	24 %
Total	**117 out of 193 United Nations Member States**		**100%**

Regional division of standing invitations extended to the special procedures



Standing invitations extended in 2016	
Mozambique	12 April 2016
Somalia	13 April 2016

NB. The State of Palestine, accorded non-Member Observer status on 29 November 2012 by General Assembly resolution 67/19, extended a standing invitation to the special procedures on 4 July 2014.

IV. Overview of country and other official visits conducted in 2016

States and territories visited	Mandate	Dates	Report
Afghanistan	Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced person	11 to 20 October	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Albania	Working Group on enforced or involuntary disappearances	5 to 12 December	36th HRC session (September 2017)
Algeria	Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health	27 April to 10 May	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Angola	Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants	3 to 10 May	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Argentina	Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	16 to 23 May	35th HRC session (June 2017)
	Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences	14 to 21 November	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Australia	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders	4 to 18 October	37th HRC session (March 2018)
	Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants	1 to 18 November	35th HRC session (June 2017)
	Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	28 November to 5 December	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Azerbaijan	Working Group on arbitrary detention	16 to 25 May	36th HRC session (September 2017)
	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders	14 to 22 September	34th HRC session (March 2017)
Brazil	Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples	7 to 17 March	A/HRC/33/42/Add.1
Cambodia	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia	21 to 31 March	A/HRC/33/62
		10 to 20 October	
Canada	Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent	17 to 21 October	36th HRC session (September 2017)
Central African Republic	Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic	1 to 10 March	A/HRC/33/63
	Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African	10 to 20 June	A/HRC/33/63

States and territories visited	Mandate	Dates	Report
	Republic		
	Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination	10 to 19 October	36th HRC session (September 2017)
Chile	Special Rapporteur on the right to education	28 March to 4 April	35th HRC session (June 2017)
China	Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights	15 to 23 August	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Costa Rica	Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons	9 to 18 May	A/HRC/33/44/Add.1
Côte d'Ivoire	Independent Expert on capacity-building and technical cooperation with Côte d'Ivoire in the field of human rights	23 to 28 May	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Croatia	Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health	28 November to 6 December	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Cyprus	Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights	24 May to 2 June	A/HRC/34/56/Add.1
Denmark	Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief	13 to 22 March	A/HRC/34/50/Add.1
El Salvador	Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences	18 to 29 April	A/HRC/33/46/Add.1.
	Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation	11 to 18 May	36th HRC session (September 2017)
European Union institutions	Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination	25 to 28 April	A/HRC/33/43/Add.4
	Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights	30 May to 3 June	A/HRC/34/57/Add.1
Fiji	Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	7 to 12 December	35th HRC session (June 2017)

States and territories visited	Mandate	Dates	Report
Georgia	Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences	15 to 19 February	A/HRC/32/42/Add.3
	Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography	11 to 18 April	A/HRC/34/55/Add.1
	Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons	25 to 29 September	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Germany	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran	12-22 May	A/71/418
Greece	Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants	12-16 May	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Haiti	Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti	22 February to 1 March	A/HRC/34/73
		18 to 26 October	
Honduras	Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	23 to 27 May	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Hungary	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders	8 to 16 February	34th HRC session (March 2017)
	Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice	17 to 27 May	35th HRC session (June 2017)
India	Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context	11 to 22 April	34th HRC session (March 2017)
Iraq	Special Rapporteur on minority issues	27 February to 7 March	A/HRC/34/53/Add.1
Israel	Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences	12 to 16 September	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Italy	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran	12 to 22 May	A/71/418
Japan	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	18 to 22 January	A/HRC/31/70
	Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression	12 to 19 April	35th HRC session (June 2017)
	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic	23 to 26 November	34th HRC session (March 2017)

States and territories visited	Mandate	Dates	Report
	People's Republic of Korea		
Jordan	Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children	28 January to 4 February	A/HRC/32/41/Add.1
	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967	10 to 15 July	A/HRC/34/70
Kuwait	Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children	4 to 8 September	35th HRC session (June 2017)
	Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice	6 to 15 December	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Madagascar	Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment	25 to 31 October	A/HRC/34/49/ADD.1
Mali	Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali	21 February to 2 March	A/HRC/34/72
Malawi	Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism	18 to 29 April	A/HRC/34/59/Add.1
Mauritania	Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	25 January to 3 February	A/HRC/34/54/Add.1
	Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights	2 to 11 May	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Mexico	Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises	29 August to 7 September	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Morocco	Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity	15 to 20 January	A/HRC/32/43/Add.1
Mozambique	Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism	21 August to 3 September	A/HRC/34/59/Add.2
Myanmar	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar	20 June to 1 July	A/HRC/71/361
Nigeria	Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences	18 to 22 January	A/HRC/32/32/Add.2
	Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography		
	Special Rapporteur on the right of		

States and territories visited	Mandate	Dates	Report
	everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health		
	Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced person	23 to 26 August	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Norway	Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity	19 to 23 September	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Occupied Palestinian Territory / State of Palestine	Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences	17 to 21 September	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Paraguay	Special Rapporteur on the right to food	4 to 10 November	A/HRC/34/48 Add. 2
Poland	Special Rapporteur on the right to food	18 to 25 April	A/HRC/34/48 Add. 1
Portugal	Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context	5 to 13 December	34th HRC session (March 2017)
	Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation	5 to 13 December	36th HRC session (September 2017)
Republic of Korea	Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association	20 to 29 January	A/HRC/32/36/Add.2
	Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises	23 May to 1 June	35th HRC session (June 2017)
	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	16 to 22 November	34th HRC session (March 2017)
Republic of Moldova	Special Rapporteur on minority issues	20 to 29 June	A/HRC/34/53/Add.2
Serbia and Kosovo*	Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights	3 to 14 October	A/HRC/34/56/Add.2
Singapore	Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons	21 to 29 September	36th HRC session (September 2017)
Somalia	Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia	16 to 24 April	A/HRC/33/64
Sri Lanka	Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers	29 April to 7 May	35th HRC session (June 2017)

States and territories visited	Mandate	Dates	Report
	Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	29 April to 7 May	A/HRC/34/54/Add.2
	Special Rapporteur on minority issues	10 to 20 October	A/HRC/34/53/Add.3
Sudan	Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan	14 to 28 April	A/HRC/33/65
Sweden	Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Eritrea	1 to 4 February	Oral update to the 31st HRC session and to the 71st GA session
	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran	12 to 22 May	A/71/418
Switzerland	Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Eritrea	25 to 29 January	Oral update to the 31st HRC session and to the 71st GA session
Tajikistan	Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression	2 to 10 March	35th HRC session (June 2017)
Turkey	Working Group on enforced or involuntary disappearances	14 to 18 March	A/HRC/33/51/Add.1
	Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression	14 to 18 November	35th HRC session (June 2017)
	Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	27 November to 2 December	37th HRC session (March 2018)
Ukraine	Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination	14 to 18 March	A/HRC/33/43/Add.3
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association	18 to 21 April	35th HRC session (June 2017)
United States of America	Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent	19 to 29 January	A/HRC/33/61/Add.2
	Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association	11 to 27 July	35th HRC session (June 2017)
	Working Group on arbitrary detention	11 to 24 October	36th HRC session (September 2017)
	Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and	6 to 16 December	35th HRC session (June 2017)

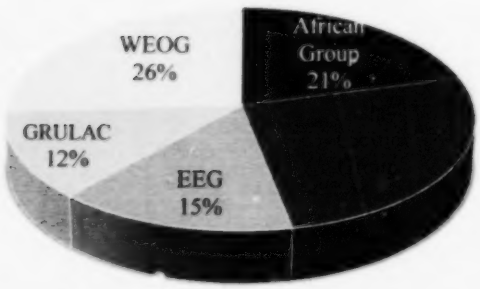
States and territories visited	Mandate	Dates	Report
	children		
Zambia	Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities	18 to 28 April	A/HRC/34/58/Add.2

° *Any reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, is to be understood in full compliance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.*

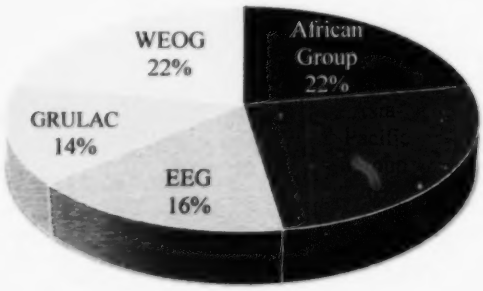
Statistics on country visits conducted in 2016

United Nations Regional Groups of Member States	Number of country visits conducted*	Number of countries visited**
African Group	20	14
Asia-Pacific Group	25	16
EEG	14	10
GRULAC	12	9
WEOG	25	14
Total	**96**	**63**

Countries visited per region



Country visits conducted per region



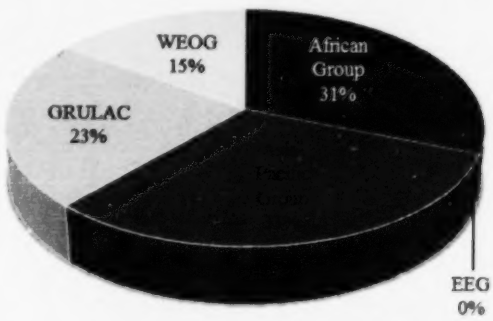
* Distribution of visits by region out of the total number of visits

** Distribution of countries visited by region

V. Overview of States not yet visited by any mandate holder

As at 31 December 2016, out of the 193 United Nations Member States, 167 States (86.5 %) have been visited by at least one special procedures mandate holder. A total of 26 States (13.5 %) have never been visited; 9 States have not yet received any request, 15 States have not yet accepted any request and 2 States have accepted requests for visits, however, they have not yet taken place.

Regional division of United Nations Member States not yet visited by any mandate holder (of the 26 total)



States never visited, no request sent (9 in total)	States never visited, request(s) sent (17 in total)
Andorra	Barbados
Antigua and Barbuda	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Brunei Darussalam	Djibouti[a]
Dominica	Eritrea
Monaco	Grenada
Palau	Guinea
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Lesotho
Saint Lucia	Libya[b]
San Marino	Luxembourg[c]
	Micronesia
	Nauru[d]
	Samoa
	Sao Tome e Principe
	Swaziland
	Tonga
	Vanuatu
	Zimbabwe

a Djibouti has been visited by the mandate holders on the situation of human rights in Somalia (2011) and in Eritrea (2013) but has not yet accepted a visit from other mandate holders concerning its human rights situation.

b Libya accepted requests for country visits from several mandate holders; however all missions to the country have been postponed for security reasons until further notice.

c Luxembourg accepted a visit request from the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children in 2015 (postponed/cancelled by mandate holder due to prior engagements).

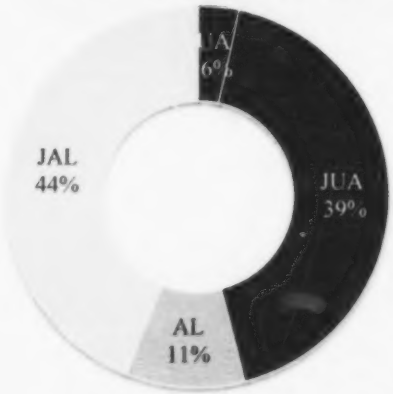
d The Special Rapporteur on the situation of migrants visited off-shore detention centers in Nauru during his country visit to Australia from 1 to 18 November 2016.

VI. Statistics on communications

23	Communications sent to Non-State actors
62	Communications related to legislation
119	Countries received at least one communication
187	Communications followed up by mandate holders
313	Replies received to communications sent in 2016
431	Replies received in 2016
455	Joint communications by two or more mandate holders
526	Communications sent
1282	Individuals covered, of which **216** were identified as female.

Gender of individuals concerned

Communications sent by mandate holders by type



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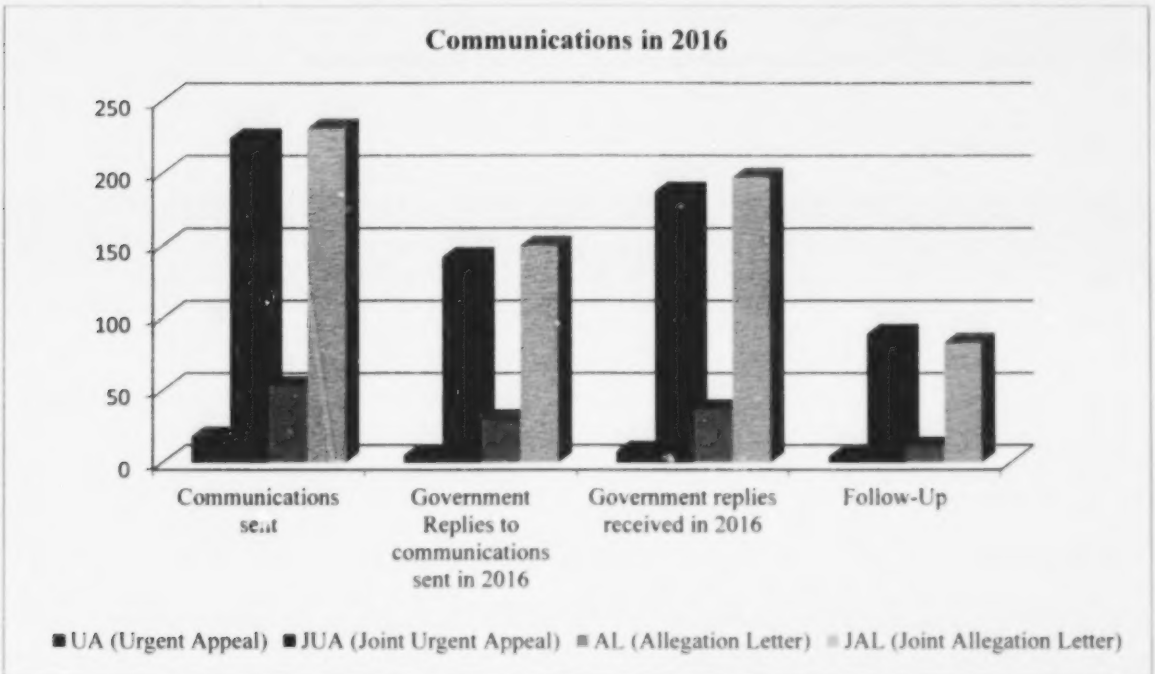
- AL = Allegation Letter
- JAL = Joint Allegation Letter


Communications in 2016
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Communications sent
Government Replies to communications sent in 2016
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AL (Allegation Letter)
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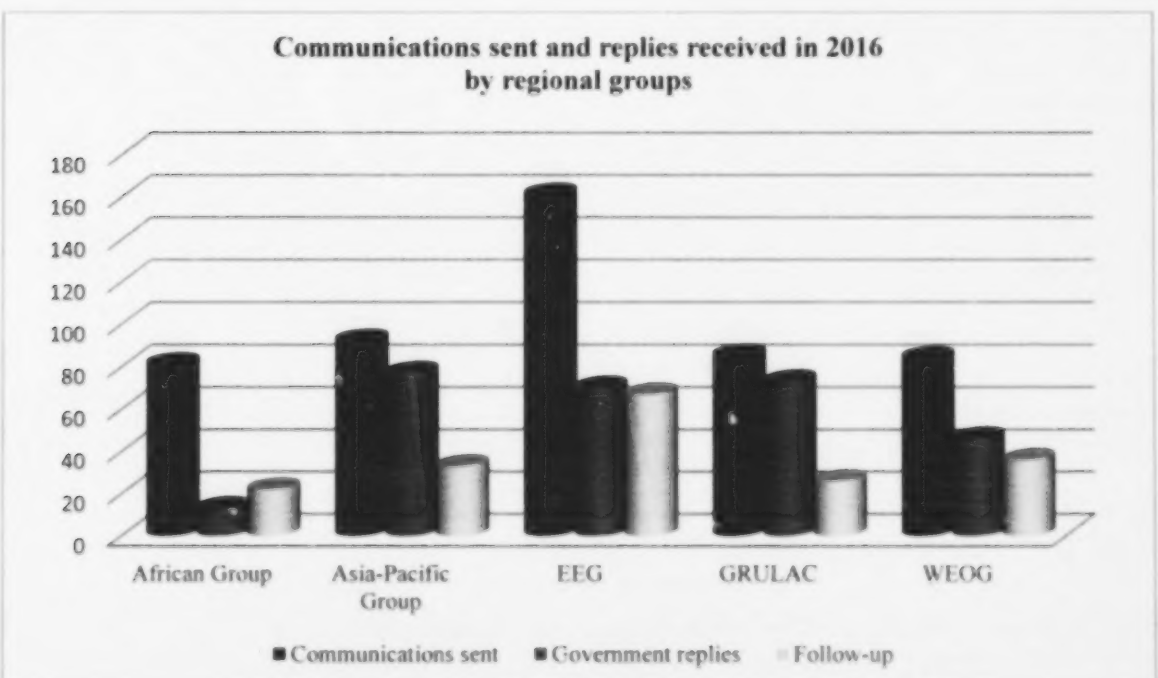
Communications sent and replies received in 2016 by regional groups
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160
140
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African Group
Asia-Pacific Group
EEG
GRULAC
WEOG
Communications sent
Government replies
Follow-up

VII. Themes addressed in reports of the special procedures

Thematic mandates

Mandate	Title and/or theme of the report (symbol number)
Working Group of Experts on People of **African Descent**	Report of its seventeenth and eighteenth sessions focusing on inter-linkages between the three themes of the International Decade for People of African Descent (Recognition, Justice and Development) (**A/HRC/33/61**). Report of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (**A/71/297**).
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with **albinism**	Vision for the mandate (**A/HRC/31/63**) Preliminary survey on the root causes of attacks and discrimination against persons with albinism (**A/71/255**)
Working Group on **Arbitrary Detention**	Annual report of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention to the Human Rights Council (**A/HRC/33/50**).
Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other **business** enterprises	Leading by example: The State, State-owned enterprises and Human Rights (**A/HRC/32/45**) Addressing the human rights impacts of agro-industrial operations on indigenous and local communities: State duties and responsibilities of business enterprises (**A/71/291**)
Special Rapporteur in the field of **cultural rights**	Mapping of cultural rights and preliminary views on destruction of cultural heritage as a violation of human rights (**A/HRC/31/59**) Intentional destruction of cultural heritage (**A/71/317**)
Special Rapporteur on the right to **development**	*The mandate was established by the Human Rights Council at its 33rd session. The mandate holder will be appointed at the 34th session of the Council.*
Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with **disabilities**	The right of persons with disabilities to participate in decision-making (**A/HRC/31/62**). Disability-Inclusive Policies (**A/71/314**)
Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary **Disappearances**	Activities of and communications and cases examined by the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances covering the period 16 May 2015 to 18 May 2016 and preliminary observations on enforced disappearances in the context of migration (**A/HRC/33/51**)
Special Rapporteur on the right to **education**	Issues and challenges to the right to education in the digital age, with a focus on higher education (**A/HRC/32/37**) Lifelong learning and the right to education (**A/71/358**)
Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable **environment**	Human rights and climate change (**A/HRC/31/52**) Implementation of human rights obligations relating to the environment (**A/HRC/31/53**)
Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or	The right to life and the use of force by private security providers in law enforcement contexts (**A/HRC/32/39**)

arbitrary **executions**	Overview of activities and review of some of the subjects considered over the past six years during the mandate holders term in office (**A/71/372**)
Special Rapporteur on the right to **food**	Integrating a gender perspective in the right to food (**A/HRC/31/51**) Nutrition as part of the right to food (**A/71/282**)
Independent Expert on the effects of **foreign debt** and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights	Economic inequality, financial crises and human rights (**A/HRC/31/60**) Final Study on illicit financial flows, human rights and the Agenda 2030 for sustainable Development (**A/HRC/31/61**) Integrating human rights into debt policies to counter new debt vulnerabilities (**A/71/305**)
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to **freedom of opinion and expression**	Freedom of expression and the private sector in the digital age (**A/HRC/32/38**) Contemporary challenges to freedom of expression (**A/71/373**)
Special Rapporteur on the rights to **freedom of peaceful assembly and of association**	Joint compilation of practical recommendations for the proper management of assemblies (**A/HRC/31/66**) Fundamentalism and its impact on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association (**A/HRC/32/36**) The exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in the workplace (**A/71/385**)
Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental **health**	The right of adolescents to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and the imperative to implement measures necessary to guarantee optimum health and development in accordance with the unique nature of adolescence (**A/HRC/32/32**) The obligations of Member States of the United Nations and non-State actors regarding sport and healthy lifestyles as contributing factors to the right to health, with a focus on sport and physical activity (**A/HRC/32/33**) The right to health and the Sustainable Development Goals (**A/71/304**)
Special Rapporteur on adequate **housing** as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context	Homelessness and the right to adequate housing (**A/HRC/31/54**) The right to life and the right to adequate housing (**A/71/310**)
Special Rapporteur on the situation of **human rights defenders**	Situation of human rights defenders: good practices in the protection of human rights defenders (**A/HRC/31/55**) Situation of human rights defenders: the situation of environmental human rights defenders (**A/71/281**)
Special Rapporteur on the **independence of judges and lawyers**	The independence of the justice system revisited - proposal to develop indicators for national justice systems (**A/HRC/32/34**) Protecting the independence of lawyers and the legal profession (**A/71/348**)
Special Rapporteur on the rights of **indigenous** peoples	The impact of bilateral investment agreements and free trade agreements on the rights of indigenous peoples (**A/HRC/33/42**) Conservation measures and their impact on the rights of indigenous peoples (**A/71/229**)

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **internally displaced persons**	Progress and challenges relating to the human rights of internally displaced persons **(A/HRC/32/35)** Outcomes and commitments on internal displacement of the World Humanitarian Summit **(A/71/279)**
Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable **international order**	The human rights impact of international investment agreements and multilateral free trade agreements, including of World Trade Organization law and practice **(A/HRC/33/40)** The human rights impact of tax avoidance, tax evasion, tax fraud and profit shifting **(A/71/286)**
Independent Expert on human rights and **international solidarity**	Summary report of five regional consultations mandated by resolution 26/6 of the Human Rights Council to seek inputs on the draft declaration on the right of peoples and individuals to international solidarity **(A/HRC/32/43)** Report addressing four recurring issues emanating from the Consultation process: extra-territorial obligations of states, the role of non-state actors, the nature of the right to international solidarity and the existing international legal framework from which this right can me derived **(A/71/280)**
Working Group on the use of **mercenaries** as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination	Ongoing global study of national laws and regulations relating to private military and security companies, specifically covering six countries in the Commonwealth of Independent States (Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan), and four countries in the Pacific region (Australia, New Zealand, Nauru and Papua New Guinea) and the United States of America. **(A/HRC/33/43)** The evolution of the phenomena of mercenarism and foreign fighters, analyzing similarities and differences in the motivations, recruitment and regulation of both types of actors in international law as well as their impact on human rights and implications for accountability and remedies for human rights violations **(A/71/318)**
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **migrants**	Bilateral and multilateral trade agreements and their impact on the human rights of migrants **(A/HRC/32/40)** Developing the Global Compact on Migration **(A/71/285)**
Special Rapporteur on **minority issues**	Minorities and discrimination based on caste and analogous systems of inherited status **(A/HRC/31/56)** Minorities in situations of humanitarian crises **(A/71/254)**
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by **older persons**	Assessment of the implementation of existing international instruments with regard to older persons, identifying best and good practices and gaps in the implementation of existing laws related to the promotion and protection of the rights of older persons, and analysis of the human rights implications of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, **(A/HRC/33/44)**
Special Rapporteur on extreme **poverty** and human rights	Marginality of economic and social rights **(A/HRC/32/31)** Responsibility of the United Nations for the cholera outbreak in Haiti **(A/71/367)**
Special Rapporteur on the right to **privacy**	Vision, working methods and work plan for the mandate / the state of privacy at the beginning of 2016 **(A/HRC/31/64)** Five main thematic priorities and the plans for establishing task forces to assist the work of the mandate holder and comments on important developments in 2016 **(A/71/368)**
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **racism**,	Implementation of General Assembly resolution 69/160: combating the glorification of nazism **(A/HRC/32/49)**

racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	Xenophobia (**A/HRC/32/50**) Report of the Special Rapporteur on the global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (**A/71/301**) Report of the Special Rapporteur on the glorification of Nazism: inadmissibility of certain practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (**A/71/325**)
Special Rapporteur on freedom of **religion or belief**	Two closely interrelated rights: freedom of religion or belief and freedom of opinion and expression (**A/HRC/31/18**) The broad range of violations of freedom of religion or belief, their root causes and variables (**A/71/269**)
Special Rapporteur on the **sale of children**, child prostitution and child pornography	Tackling the demand for sexual exploitation of children (**A/HRC/31/58**) Sale of children for the purpose of forced labour (**A/71/261**)
Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on **sexual orientation and gender identity**	*The mandate was established by the Human Rights Council at its 32nd session. The mandate holder will submit their first report to the 35th session of the Council and to the 72nd session of the General Assembly.*
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **slavery**, including its causes and consequences	Debt bondage, including trends in prevalence, examples of national measures to eradicate and prevent debt bondage, key drivers of the phenomenon and developing an integrated, human rights based approach to its prevention and eradication (**A/HRC/33/46**)
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering **terrorism**	Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism: A Human Rights Assessment (**A/HRC/31/65**) Outline of key activities undertaken from February to August 2016 / Impact of counter-terrorism measures on the human rights of migrants and refugees (**A/71/384**)
Special Rapporteur on **torture** and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	Gender perspectives on the prohibition of torture and cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment (**A/HRC/31/57**) Universal protocol for investigative interviewing (**A/71/298**)
Special Rapporteur on **trafficking** in persons, especially women and children	Trafficking in persons in conflict and post-conflict situations: protecting victims of trafficking and people at risk of trafficking, especially women and children (**A/HRC/32/41**) and (**A/71/303**)
Special Rapporteur on the promotion of **truth**, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence	The report of the Special Rapporteur to the 33rd session of the Human Rights Council was postponed to its 34th session HRC 34 (March 2017) National consultations on the design and implementation of transitional justice measures (**A/71/567**)
Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of **unilateral coercive measures** on the enjoyment of human rights	The negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights (**A/HRC/33/48**) Remedies and redress for victims of unilateral coercive measures (**A/71/287**)
Special Rapporteur on **violence against women**, its causes and consequences	Outline of vision and working methods in the exercise of the mandate (**A/HRC/32/32**) Femicide or gender-relating killings of women (**A/71/398**)

Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and **wastes**	The rights of the child and hazardous substances and wastes (**A/HRC/33/41**)
Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking **water and sanitation**	Gender equality in the realization of the human rights to water and sanitation (**A/HRC/33/49**) Development cooperation and the realization of the human rights to water and sanitation (**A/71/302**)
Working Group on the issue of **discrimination against women** in law and in practice	Eliminating discrimination against women in the area of health and safety, with a focus on the instrumentalization of women's bodies (**A/HRC/32/44**)

Country mandates

Mandate	Title and/or theme of the report (symbol number)
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Belarus**	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus (**A/HRC/32/48**) Parliamentary elections (**A/71/394**)
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Cambodia**	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia (**A/HRC/33/62**)
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Central African Republic**	Report of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic; overview of the political, security and human rights situation in the country covering July 2015 to June 2016 (**A/HRC/33/63**)
Independent expert on capacity-building and technical cooperation with **Côte d'Ivoire** in the field of human rights	Report of the Independent expert on capacity-building and technical cooperation with Côte d'Ivoire in the field of human rights (**A/HRC/32/52**)
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Democratic People's Republic of Korea**	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (**A/HRC/31/70**) Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (**A/71/402**)
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Eritrea**	*No written reports published in 2016; oral updates provided to the 31st session of the Human Rights Council in March 2016 focusing on the situation of Eritrean unaccompanied children; oral update provided to the 70th session of the General Assembly focusing on the way forward to follow-up on the work of the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in Eritrea.*
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Haiti**	Report of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti; themes raised include inequality, deprivation of liberty and detention conditions, institutional weakness, impunity, humanitarian crises, elections, risk of statelessness, and illiteracy (**A/HRC/31/77**)
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic

Islamic Republic of **Iran**	Republic of Iran (**A/HRC/31/69**) Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (**A/71/418**)
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Mali**	Overview of and major developments in the situation of human rights in the country (**A/HRC/31/76**)
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Myanmar**	Report of the Special Rapporteur on situation of human rights in Myanmar focused on the human rights situation in the country generally and raising issues related to accountability, rule of law, restrictions in the exercise of the rights to freedoms of expression, assembly and association, as well as the situation in Rakhine State and the tensions along religions lines. (**A/HRC/31/71**) Report of the Special Rapporteur on situation of human rights in Myanmar looking at the significant steps forward as well as remaining human challenges for the new National League for Democracy Government that assumed power in March 2016 (**A/71/361**)
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Palestinian territories** occupied since 1967	Report of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 (**A/HRC/31/73**) Report of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 (**A/71/554**)
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Somalia**	Report of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia with a focus on following up on the implementation of recommendations made in his previous reports and those made in reports of other human rights mechanisms (**A/HRC/33/64**)
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the **Sudan**	Report of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan (**A/HRC/33/65**)
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Syrian Arab Republic**	*The mandate holder will take up his functions once the mandate of the commission of inquiry has ended.*

VIII. Joint statements issued by special procedures

Statement by the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures at the 26th Special Session of the Human Rights Council on the human rights situation in South Sudan, 14 December 2016.

Statement of the Special Procedures on the occasion of Human Rights Day 2016: "Human rights under increasing attack worldwide", 9 December 2016.

Statement by the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures, voicing concern that some countries are seeking to retrospectively block the creation of the mandate of an Independent Expert designated to tackle violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, 21 November 2016.

Statement of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures at the 25th Special Session of the Human Rights Council on the deteriorating situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic, and the recent situation in Aleppo, 21 October 2016.

Joint statement of the Special Procedures and Treaty Bodies on the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights financial crisis: "We cannot let it go bankrupt" – Two key UN rights bodies urge crucial funding for regional rights organ, 3 June 2016.

Michael Addo, Chairperson of the Coordination Committee, presents the annual report of special procedures to the 31st Human Rights Council session, 15 March 2016.

IX. Follow-up activities undertaken by mandate holders

A. Follow-up on communications

In 2016, 187 follow-up communications were sent out of a total of 526 communications; constituting 36 % (see Annex VI). In addition, the following 5 mandate holders issued observations on communications:

Special Rapporteur on the situation of **human rights defenders**	Observations on communications transmitted to Governments and replies received (A/HRC/31/55/Add.1)
Special Rapporteur on the right to **freedom of assembly and of association**	Observations on communications transmitted to Governments and replies received (A/HRC/32/36/Add.3)
Special Rapporteur on **extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions**	Observations on communications transmitted to Governments and replies received (A/HRC/32/39/Add.3)
Special Rapporteur on **torture** and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment of punishment	Observations on communications transmitted to Governments and replies received (A/HRC/31/57/Add.1)
Working Group on **enforced or involuntary disappearances**	Observations on communications included in the post-sessional documents and annual reports of the Working Group (A/HRC/33/51, A/HRC/WGEID/108/1, A/HRC/WGEID/109/1 and A/HRC/WGEID/110/1)

B. Follow-up country visits

7 mandate holders conducted in total 11 follow-up visits:

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **internally displaced persons**	Visit to Honduras from15 to 17 August 2016 in follow-up to the country visit conducted from 23 to 27 November 2015. Visit to Ukraine from 1 to 9 September 2016 in follow-up to the country visit conducted from 16 to 25 September 2014 Visit to Serbia and Kosovo* from 11 to 15 September 2016 in follow-up to the country visit undertaken from 9 to 12 October 2013. Visit to Georgia from 25 to 29 September 2016 in follow-up to the previous follow-up visit undertaken from 10 to 14 June 2013. A short report will be presented to the 35th session of the Human Rights Council in June 2017. ** Any reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, is to be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.*
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **migrants**	Country visit to Greece from 12 to 16 May 2016 in follow-up to a previous visit conducted in 2012. The report will be presented to the 35th session of the Human Rights Council in June 2017.
Special Rapporteur on the promotion of **truth**, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence	Visit to Belfast from 16 to 18 May 2016, in follow-up to his country visit to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 9 to 18 November 2015 (A/HRC/34/62/Add.1) Advisory visits to Sri Lanka from 26 January to 1 February 2016 and from 6 to 10 June 2016, in follow-up to his first advisory visit to the country from 30 March to 3 April 2015.

Independent Expert on the effects of **foreign debt** and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights	Visit to the European Union in Brussels, Belgium, from 30 May to 3 June 2016 in follow-up to the country visit conducted to Greece from 30 November to 7 December 2015 in relation to concerns about policy responses of the EU institutions to the sovereign debt crisis affecting several EU Member States. Report to be presented to the 34th session of the Human Rights Council in March 2017.
Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of **peaceful assembly and of association**	Country visit to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 18 to 21 April 2016 in follow-up to the previous visit conducted from 14 to 23 January 2013. The report will be presented to the 35th session of the Human Rights Council in June 2017.
Special Rapporteur on the rights of **indigenous peoples**	Country visit to Brazil from 7 to 17 March 2016 in follow-up to a previous visit conducted in 2009. The report was presented to the 33rd session of the Human Rights Council in September 2016 (A/HRC/33/42/Add.1)
Working Group of Experts on **People of African Descent**	Country visit to the United States of America from 19 to 29 January 2016 in follow-up to the previous visit that took place in 2010. The visit report was presented to the 33rd session of the Human Rights Council in September 2016 (A/HRC/**/61/Add.2).

C. Follow-up reports

3 mandates presented reports in which they followed-up on their recommendations made to States:

Working Group on **Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances**	Follow-up reports on country visits conducted to Pakistan in 2012 and to the Republic of Congo in 2011 presented to the 33rd session of the Human Rights Council in September 2016 (A/HRC/33/51/Add.7).
Special Rapporteur on **extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions**	Follow-up report on recommendations made to Mexico following the country visit conducted from 22 April to 2 May 2013 presented to the 32nd session of the Human Rights Council in June 2016 (A/HRC/32/39/Add.2).
Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable **international order**	Follow-up report on the human rights impact of WTO law and practice in relation to international trade and investment agreements presented at the 33rd session of the Human Rights Council in September 2016 (A/HRC/33/40) to two previous reports presented to the Council in 2015 on related issues.

D. Follow-up public statements and press releases

7 mandate holders issued 5 follow-up public statements:

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Palestinian Territories occupied since 1967**	Press release issued on 16 December 2016 highlighting growing legal pressure on human rights defenders in Israel jointly with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, in follow-up to two communications transmitted to the country in 2016 and the Special Rapporteurs report to the General Assembly (A/71/554).
Special Rapporteur on **extreme poverty** and human rights	Press release issued on 25 October 2016 in follow-up to an open letter addressed to the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General dated 5 October 2016 on the responsibility of the United Nations for the cholera outbreak in Haiti. Both actions followed up on the Special Rapporteurs' report to the 71st session of the General Assembly on the same topic (A/71/367).

Special Rapporteur on the **sale of children**, child prostitution and child pornography, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **slavery**, including its causes and consequences, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental **health** and Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **internally displaced persons**	Two press releases issued, on 12 February 2016 and on 18 October 2016, concerning the safety of internally displaced persons in areas liberated from Boko Haram Forces and the release of 21 Chibok girls from Boko Haram captivity in follow-up to a country visit to Nigeria conducted by the Special Rapporteurs on sale of children, slavery and health from 18 to 22 January 2016, and in follow-up to several communications led by the Special Rapporteur on sale of children on the topic.
Special Rapporteur on the **sale of children**, child prostitution and child pornography and Special Rapporteur on **extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions**	Press release issued on 14 October 2016 concerning the unresolved abduction of 159 children from the Gambella region, Ethiopia, six months earlier, in follow-up to a previous press release issued on 25 May 2016 and communications sent on the same issue.

E. Follow-up consultations, workshops and other meetings

4 mandate holders took part in follow-up consultations, workshops and other meetings:

Special Rapporteur on **torture** and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	Two side-events organized by the Special Rapporteur during the 31st session of the Human Rights Council in follow-up to the report of the Special Rapporteur on torture and ill-treatment of children deprived of liberty (A/HRC/28/68).
Special Rapporteur on the situation of **human rights defenders**	Meeting held by the Special Rapporteur with civil society representatives on women human rights defenders (June 2016, Geneva, Switzerland) in follow-up to the mandate holders report on the same topic presented to the 16th session of the Human Rights Council in March 2011 (A/HRC/16/44)
Special Rapporteur on the rights of **persons with disabilities**	Participation in the 4th meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal indicators in November 2016 and engagement with the United Nations Statistical Division in 2016 in follow-up to her report to the 71st session of the General Assembly (A/71/314) recommending States develop disability-related indicators.
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Eritrea**	Consultations held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 1 to 8 September 2016 with representatives of selected United Nations Member States, civil society and other interlocutors to follow-up on the implementation of recommendations made by the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in Eritrea, of which the Special Rapporteur was a member.

F. Other follow-up activities

3 mandates undertook other follow-up activities:

Special Rapporteur on **violence against women**, its causes and consequences	Questionnaire transmitted to regional human rights mechanisms and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on the need for a legally binding United Nations convention on violence against women and girls to follow-up on two reports published by the mandate (A/HRC/29/27 and A/70/209) on this topic and inform future action by the mandate holder.
Working Group on the issue of	Surveys sent to States in 2016 in follow-up to the 2015 revised Guidance on

human rights and **transnational corporations and other business enterprises**	National Action Plans on Business and Human Rights soliciting their comments on whether, and how, the development and implementation of such National Action Plans have served to better prevent, mitigate and protect against business-related human rights abuse. 23 State replies were received, which informed the final revision of the Guidance.
Special Rapporteur on **minority issues**	Letters sent to all States that received official visits from the mandate to date sent in October 2016 inquiring about the status of implementation of recommendations. A short summary report on the basis of responses received is available on the mandate's website.

X. External support received by mandate holders

Thematic mandates

Title	Mandate Holder	External support received through other sources	Earmarked funding by donors received through OHCHR
Working Group of Experts on People of **African Descent**	Mireille FANON-MENDEZ FRANCE (France)		
	Sabelo GUMEDZE (South Africa)		
	Michal BALCERZAK (Poland)		
	Ricardo SUNGA III (Philippines)	No external support received	
	Ahmed REID (Jamaica)		
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with **albinism**	Ikponwosa ERO (Nigeria)	Yes external support received from several sources as below: 1. Support both in cash US$5000 and in kind as Office space was received from 'Under the Same Sun'. 2. To organize the 'Forum "Action on Albinism", Dar Es Salaam, June, 2016' funds were received by a partner organization of the SR from the following sources a. USA Embassy in Tanzania US$20,000 b. Embassy of Ireland in Tanzania US$10,000 c. Norwegian Embassy in Tanzania US$7,500 d. High Commission of Canada in Tanzania US$2,000 e. UNDP Tanzania US$20,000 f. UNICEF Tanzania US$20,000 g. OHCHR, East Africa Regional Office US$21,800 h. UNWOMEN Tanzania US$ 10,000 3. Open Society Initiative or South and East Africa US$50,000 to Think Tank	

		meeting as follow-up to Forum 4. In kind support was received from the following a. International Bar Association for multi-year research support for external contribution to a thematic report b. Trinity Western University for multi-year research support for external contribution to a thematic report c. Bar Human Rights, UK, for contribution to a thematic report.	
Working Group on **Arbitrary Detention**	Elina STEINERTE (Latvia)	No external support received	US$113,379 from France US$100,000 from South Korea
	Sètondji Roland Jean-Baptiste ADJOVI (Benin)		
	José GUEVARA (Mexico)	No external support received	
	Seong-Phil HONG (Republic of Korea)	No external support received	
	Leigh TOOMEY (Australia)	No external support received	
Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other **business** enterprises	Surya DEVA (India)	No external support received	US$59,544 from Norway US$236,00 from Qatar
	Michael ADDO (Ghana)	Yes external support in kind received from University of Exeter for office space and administrative support	
	Anita RAMASASTRY (United States of America)		
	Pavel SULYANDZIGA (Russian Federation)		
	Dante PESCE (Chile)		
Special Rapporteur in the field of **cultural rights**	Karima BENNOUNE (United States of America)	No external support received	US$25,000 from South Korea US$59,529 from Norway
Special Rapporteur on the right to **development**	*Mandate holder to be appointed during HRC34 (March 2017)*	N/A	US$50,000 from Russian Federation
Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with **disabilities**	Catalina DEVANDAS AGUILAR (Costa Rica)	Yes external support received from the following: 1. Government of Australia	US$25,000 from South Korea US$43,478 from Spain US$50,000 from Russian

		(DFAT) US$125,000 2. Anonymous donor US$165,000 3. Disability Rights Initiative, Open Society Foundations, US$75,000 4. National University of Ireland, Galway, in kind (equivalent to US$200,000) as 'support with 2 year research project on disability specific forms of deprivation of liberty'.	Federation
Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary **Disappearances**	Ariel DULITZKY (Argentina) Houria ES SLAMI (Morocco) Bernard DUHAIME (Canada) Tae-Ung BAIK (Republic of Korea) Henrikas MICKEVICIUS (Lithuania)	Yes external support provided by CNDH of Morocco by way of organizing an expert meeting in Rabat at the margins of the 108th session of the Working Group (February 2016) for the approximate amount of USD 38,000	US$20,000 from Argentina US$90,703 from France US$10,000 from Japan US$100,000 from South Korea
Special Rapporteur on the right to **education**	Koumbou BOLY (Burkina Faso)		
Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable **environment**	John KNOX (United States of America)	Yes external support in kind received from several sources as below 1. Wake Forest University for research assistant, office space and administrative support 2. United Nations Environment Programme for support to consultation 3. International Development Law Organization for support to consultation	
Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary **executions**	Agnes CALLAMARD (France)	No external support received	US$25,500 from South Korea
Special Rapporteur on the right to **food**	Hilal ELVER (Turkey)	No external support received	US$10,000 from Turkey
Independent Expert on the effects of **foreign debt** and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic,	Juan BOHOSLAVSKY (Argentina)	No external support received	

social and cultural rights			
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to **freedom of opinion and expression**	David KAYE (USA)		US$496,421 from European Commission to be shared equally between the SRs on human rights defenders, freedom of assembly and association, and freedom of expression
Special Rapporteur on the rights to **freedom of peaceful assembly and of association**	Maina KIAI (Kenya)	Yes external support in cash received from Government of Norway, Ministry of Foreign Affairs: US$473,078	US$496,421 from European Commission to be shared equally between the SRs on human rights defenders, freedom of assembly and association, and freedom of expression
Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of **hazardous substances and wastes**	Baskut TUNCAK (Turkey)		
Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental **health**	Dainius PŪRAS (Lithuania)	Yes external support in cash received from Open Society Foundations US$200,000 as provision for research assistant and for particular engagements with civil societies	
Special Rapporteur on adequate **housing** as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living	Leilani FARHA (Canada)	Yes, external support received from the following: 1. NGO – Canada Without Poverty, in kind through office space, admin assistance and release time. 2. Government of Germany for €60,000 for research support and coordination activities of the mandate 3. Private foundation for US$100,000 towards specific project that dovetails with mandate but is not for formal mandate activities. E.g.: personal website, communications assistance, research assistance for activities related to mandate but not for thematic reports, assistance in developing new global movement on	US$32,895 from Germany US$25,000 from South Korea

		the right to housing.	
Special Rapporteur on the situation of **human rights defenders**	Michel FORST (France)	Yes external support in kind from French NHRI received for office space and administrative support	US$496,421 from European Commission to be shared equally between the SRs on human rights defenders, freedom of assembly and association, and freedom of expression
Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers	**Diego GARCIA-SAYAN (Peru)**	***N/A - Mandate holder appointed on 5 December 2016.***	
Special Rapporteur on the rights of **indigenous peoples**	Victoria Lucia TAULI-CORPUZ (Philippines)	Yes external support in cash received from the following 1. Ford Foundation US$150,000 for two years 2. The Christensen Fund for US$50,000 for Asia, Africa and Latin America Regional Consultations on Investments and Impacts on Rights of Indigenous Peoples	
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **internally displaced persons**	Cecilia JIMENEZ-DAMARY (Philippines)	Yes external support received from USAID/OFDA of around USD 8,000 (remainder of funds provided to the mandate when mandate holder took up functions) one-off and earmarked for particular events/processes (travel costs)	
Independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable **international order**	Alfred DE ZAYAS (United States of America)	No external support received	
Independent Expert on human rights and **international solidarity**	Virginia DANDAN (Philippines)	No external support received	
Working Group on the use of **mercenaries** as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination	Anton KATZ (South Africa)		
	Patricia ARIAS (Chile)		
	Elzbieta KARSKA (Poland)		
	Gabor RONA (United States of America/Hungary)	No external support received	
	Saeed MOKBIL (Yemen)		
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of	François CRÉPEAU (Canada)	Yes external support in cash received from McGill	US$26,637 from OIF US$85,219 from

migrants		University for CAD 2,000 and from Government of Switzerland for US$ 14,250	Switzerland
Special Rapporteur on **minority issues**	Rita IZSÁK-NDIAYE (Hungary)	No external support received	US$22,198 from Hungary US$50,000 from Russian Federation
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by **older persons**	Rosa KORNFELD-MATTE (Chile)		
Special Rapporteur on extreme **poverty** and human rights	Philip ALSTON (Australia)	Yes external support in kind received from NYU Law School for a research assistant, office space and administrative support.	US$100,988 from Finland
Special Rapporteur on the right to **privacy**	Joseph CANNATACI (Malta)		US$32,895 from Germany
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **racism**, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	Mutuma RUTEERE (Kenya)	No external support received	US$50,000 from Russian Federation
Special Rapporteur on freedom of **religion or belief**	Ahmed SHAHEED (Maldives)	No external support received	US$32,895 from Germany
Special Rapporteur on the **sale of children**, child prostitution and child pornography	Maud DE BOER-BUQUICCHIO (The Netherlands)	No external support received	US$10,846 from Monaco US$4,777 from Terre des Hommes
Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on **sexual orientation and gender identity**	Vitit MUNTARBHORN (Thailand)	No external support received	
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **slavery**, including its causes and its consequences.	Urmila BHOOLA (South Africa)	Yes external support in cash received from Asia Pacific Forum for Women, Law and Development (APWLD) of US$400 to travel to attend a workshop on migrant labour.	US$26,000 from South Korea US$45,396 from UK
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering **terrorism**	Ben EMMERSON (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)		US$50,000 from Russian Federation
Special Rapporteur on **torture** and other cruel,	Nils MELZER (Switzerland)	No external support received	

inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment			
Special Rapporteur on **trafficking in persons**, especially women and children	Maria Grazia GIAMMARINARO (Italy)		US$32,895 from Germany US$65,934 from Switzerland US$249.095 from USA
Special Rapporteur on the promotion of **truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence**	Pablo DE GREIFF (Colombia)		US$15,000 from Argentina US$32,895 from Germany
Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of **unilateral coercive measures** on the enjoyment of human rights	Idriss JAZAIRY (Algeria)	Yes external support in kind received from Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue for office space only	US$50,000 from Russian Federation
Special Rapporteur on **violence against women**, its causes and consequences	Dubravka ŠIMONOVIC (Croatia)		US$25,000 from South Korea
Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking **water and sanitation**	Léo HELLER (Brazil)	Yes external support in cash received from the following 1. Government of Germany €70,000 earmarked for a particular event 2. Brazil (National Agency for Water – ANA) of Reals 72,000 as provision for a research assistant	US$32,895 from Germany US$81,628 from Spain US$44,376 from Switzerland
Working Group on the issue of **discrimination against women in law and in practice**	Frances RADAY (Israel/United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)		
	Emna AOUIJ (Tunisia)		
	Eleonora ZIELINSKA (Poland)		
	Kamala CHANDRAKIRANA (Indonesia)		
	Alda FACIO (Costa Rica)	No external support received	

Country mandates

Title	Mandate Holder	External support received through other sources	Earmarked funding by donors received through OHCHR
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Belarus**	Miklós HARASZTI (Hungary)	No external support received	
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia	**Rhona SMITH (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)**	**Yes external support 'in kind' received from Newcastle University, UK for office space and administrative support**	
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Central African Republic**	Marie-Thérèse KEITA BOCOUM (Côte d'Ivoire)	No external support received	
Independent Expert on capacity-building and technical cooperation with Côte d'Ivoire in the field of human rights	**Mohammed AYAT (Morocco)**		
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Democratic People's Republic of Korea**	Tomas Ojea QUINTANA (Argentina)	No external support received	
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea	**Sheila KEETHARUTH (Mauritius)**	**Yes external support in kind received from Centre For Human Rights, University of Pretoria, South Africa, for research assistant, office space and administrative support.**	
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Haiti**	Gustavo GALLÓN (Colombia)	No external support received	
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran	**Asma JAHANGIR (Pakistan)**	***Ahmed SHAHEED - mandate holder until end of October 2016 - Yes external support in kind received in his capacity as SR on Iran, during the time he was on the mandate from City University of NY, through a research assistant.***	
Independent Expert on the situation of human	Suliman BALDO (Sudan)		

rights in **Mali**			
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Myanmar**	Yanghee LEE (Republic of Korea),	Yes external support in cash received from Sungkyunkwan University, of US$50,000 from August 2015 until August 2016 as provision for a research assistant.	
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Palestinian territories occupied since 1967**	Stanley Michael LYNK (Canada)	Yes external support in kind received from Western University, London, Ontario, Canada, for research assistants, office space and admin assistance since May 2016 when he joined the mandate.	
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Somalia**	Bahame NYANDUGA (Tanzania)		
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the **Sudan**	Aristide NONONSI (Benin)	No external support received	
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Syrian Arab Republic**	Paulo Sérgio PINHEIRO (Brazil) - *will start once the mandate of the commission of inquiry ends*	*N/A*	*N/A*

XI. Special procedure mandate holders as at 31 December 2016

Thematic mandates

Mandate	Mandate holder	Email address
Working Group of experts on people of **African descent**	Ms. Mireille Fanon-Mendes-France (France) Mr. Ahmed Reid (Jamaica) Mr. Ricardo III Sunga (Philippines)* Ms. Michal Balcerzak (Poland) Mr. Sabelo Gumedze (South Africa)	africandescent@ohchr.org
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with **albinism**	Ms. Ikponwosa Ero (Nigeria)	albinism@ohchr.org
Working Group on **Arbitrary Detention**	Mr. Seong-Phil Hong (Republic of Korea)* Mr. Sètondji Roland Jean-Baptiste Adjovi (Benin) Ms. Leigh Toomey (Australia) Mr. José Guevara (Mexico) Ms. Elina Steinerte (Latvia)	wgad@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur in the field of **cultural rights**	Ms. Karina Bennoune (United States of America)*	srculturalrights@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the right to **development**	*Mandate holder to be appointed during HRC34 (March 2017)*	
Independent expert on the promotion of a **democratic and equitable international order**	Mr. Alfred de Zayas (United States of America)*	ie-internationalorder @ohchr.org
Working Group on the issue of **discrimination against women** in law and in practice	Ms. Emna Aouij (Tunisia) Ms. Kamala Chandrakirana (Indonesia) Ms. Frances Raday (Israel/United Kingdom) Ms. Eleonora Zielinska (Poland) Ms. Alda Facio (Costa Rica)	Wgdiscriminationwomen @ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the rights of **persons with disabilities**	Ms. Catalina Devandas Aguilar (Costa Rica)*	sr.disability@ohchr.org
Working Group on **enforced or involuntary disappearances**	Mr. Henrikas Mickevicius (Lithuania) Mr. Bernard Duhaime (Canada)* Mr. Ariel Dulitzky (Argentina/United States of America) Mr. Tae-Ung Baik (Republic of Korea) Ms. Houria Es Slami (Morocco)	wgeid@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the right to **education**	Ms. Boly Barry Koumbou (Burkina Faso)	sreducation@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable **environment**	Mr. John Knox (United States of America)	ieenvironment@ohchr.org

Special Rapporteur on **extreme poverty** and **human rights**	Mr. Philip Alston (Australia)*	srextremepoverty @ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the right to **food**	Ms. Hilal Elver (Turkey)*	srfood@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to **freedom of opinion and expression**	Mr. David Kaye (United States of America)*	freedex@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the rights to **freedom of peaceful assembly and of association**	Mr. Maina Kiai (Kenya)*	freeassembly@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on **freedom of religion or belief**	Ms. Ahmed Shaheed (Maldives)	freedomofreligion @ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental **health**	Mr. Dainius Pūras (Lithuania)*	srhealth@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on adequate **housing** as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living	Ms. Leilani Farha (Canada)*	srhousing@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the situation of **human rights defenders**	Mr. Michel Forst (France)*	defenders@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the independence of **judges and lawyers**	Mr. Diego Garcia-Sayan (Peru)	srindependencejl @ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the rights of **indigenous peoples**	Ms. Victoria Lucia Tauli-Corpuz (Philippines)*	indigenous@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **internally displaced persons**	Ms. Cecilia Jimenez-Damary (Philippines)	idp@ohchr.org
Working Group on the use of **mercenaries** as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination	Ms. Elzbieta Karska (Poland) Mr. Saeed Mokbil (Yemen) Ms. Patricia Arias (Chile)* Mr. Anton Farrel Katz (South Africa) Mr. Gabor Rona (United States of America/Hungary)	mercenaries@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **migrants**	Mr. François Crépeau (Canada)*	migrants@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on **minority issues**	Ms. Rita Izsák-Ndiaye (Hungary)*	minorityissues@ohchr.org
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by **older persons**	Ms. Rosa Kornfeld-Matte (Chile)*	olderpersons@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the right to **privacy**	Mr. Joseph Cannataci (Malta)	sprivacy@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **racism**, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	Mr. Mutuma Ruteere (Kenya)	racism@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the **sale of children**, child prostitution and child pornography	Ms. Maud De Boer-Buquicchio (The Netherlands)*	srsaleofchildren@ohchr.org

Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on **sexual orientation and gender identity**	Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn (Thailand)	ie-sogi@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on **contemporary forms of slavery**, including its causes and its consequences	Ms. Urmila Bhoola (South Africa)*	srslavery@ohchr.org
Independent Expert on human rights and **international solidarity**	Ms. Virginia Dandan (Philippines)*	iesolidarity@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on **extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions**	Ms. Agnes Callamard (France)	eje@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering **terrorism**	Mr. Ben Emmerson (United Kingdom)	srct@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on **torture** and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	Mr. Nils Melzer (Switzerland)	sr-torture@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of **hazardous substances and wastes**	Mr. Baskut Tuncak (Turkey)*	srtoxicwaste@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on **trafficking in persons**, especially women and children	Ms. Maria Grazia Giammarinaro (Italy)*	srtrafficking@ohchr.org
Working Group on the issue of human rights and **transnational corporations and other business enterprises**	Mr. Michael K. Addo (Ghana)* Mr. Surya Deva (India) Ms. Anita Ramasastry (United States of America) Mr. Pavel Sulyandziga (Russian Federation) Mr. Dante Pesce (Chile)*	wg-business@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the promotion of **truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence**	Mr. Pablo de Greiff (Colombia)	srtruth@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of **unilateral coercive measures** on the enjoyment of human rights	Mr. Idriss Jazairy (Algeria)*	ucm@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on **violence against women**, its causes and consequences	Ms. Dubravka Šimonovic (Croatia)*	vaw@ohchr.org
Independent Expert on the effects of **foreign debt** and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights	Mr. Juan Bohoslavsky (Argentina)*	ieforeigndebt@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the human rights to **safe drinking water and sanitation**	Mr. Léo Heller (Brazil)*	srwatsan@ohchr.org

Country mandates

Mandate	Mandate holder	Email address
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Belarus**	Mr. Miklós Haraszti (Hungary)*	sr-belarus@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Cambodia**	Ms. Rhona Smith (United Kingdom)*	srcambodia@ohchr.org
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Central African Republic**	Ms. Marie-Thérèse Keita Bocoum (Côte d'Ivoire)*	ie-car@ohchr.org
Independent Expert on the enhancement of capacity building and technical cooperation with **Côte d'Ivoire** in the field of human rights	Mr. Mohammed Ayat (Morocco)*	eicotedivoire@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Democratic People's Republic of Korea**	Mr. Tomas Ojea Quintana (Argentina)	hr-dprk@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Eritrea**	Ms. Sheila B. Keetharuth (Mauritius)*	sr-eritrea@ohchr.org
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Haiti**	Mr. Gustavo Gallón (Colombia)*	ie-haiti@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Islamic Republic of Iran**	Ms. Asma Jahangir (Pakistan)	sr-iran@ohchr.org
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Mali**	Mr. Suliman Baldo (Sudan)	ie-mali@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Myanmar**	Ms. Yanghee Lee (Republic of Korea)*	sr-myanmar@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Palestinian territories occupied since 1967**	Mr. Michael Lynk (Canada)	sropt@ohchr.org
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Somalia**	Mr. Bahame Tom Mukirya Nyanduga (Tanzania)*	ie-somalia@ohchr.org
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the **Sudan**	Mr. Aristide Nononsi (Benin)*	iesudan@ohchr.org
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Syrian Arab Republic**	Mr. Pablo Sérgio Pinheiro (Brazil) - *will start once the mandate of the commission of inquiry ends*	N/A

* The following former mandate holders, who have since finished their terms in office, attended the twenty-third annual meeting: Mr. Kishore Singh (India), former Special Rapporteur on the right to education, Mr. Christof Heyns (South Africa), former Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Ms. Mónica Pinto (Argentina), former Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Mr. Chaloka Beyani (Zambia), former Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons, Mr. Marzuki Darusman (Indonesia), former Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mr. Ahmed Shaheed (Maldives), former Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), former Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967.

XII. Special procedure mandate holders to be appointed in 2017

34th session of the Human Rights Council (27 February – 24 March 2017)

1. Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association [HRC res. 32/32]
2. Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from Latin American and Caribbean States [HRC res. 27/1]
3. Special Rapporteur on the right to development [HRC res. 33/14]

35th session of the Human Rights Council (6 – 23 June 2017)

1. Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants [HRC res. 26/19]
2. Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms wile countering terrorism [HRC res. 31/3]
3. Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity [HRC res. 26/6]
4. Special Rapporteur on minority issues [HRC res. 25/5]

36th session of the Human Rights Council (11 – 29 September 2017)

1. Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [HRC res. 25/32]
2. Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member of Western European and other States [HRC res. 27/25]
3. Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from African States [HRC res. 32/4]
4. Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from Asian States [HRC res. 32/4]
5. Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from Eastern European States [HRC res. 32/4]
6. Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from Western European and other States [HRC res. 32/4]

XIII. Sponsors of Human Rights Council resolutions establishing special procedure mandates

Thematic mandates

Single regional sponsors (30 thematic mandates)		
Regional Group	**Country**	**Mandate**
African Group	African Group	Working Group of Experts on people of **African Descent**
African Group	African Group	Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with **albinism**
African Group	African Group	Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **racism**, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
African Group	African Group	Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous **substances and wastes**
Asia-Pacific Group	Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement	Special Rapporteur on **unilateral coercive measures**
GRULAC	Cuba	Special Rapporteur in the field of **cultural rights**
GRULAC	Cuba	Independent Expert on the promotion of a **democratic and equitable international order**
GRULAC	Mexico, Colombia	Working Group on the issue of **discrimination against women** in law and practice
GRULAC	Cuba	Special Rapporteur on the **right to food**
GRULAC	Cuba	Independent Expert on the effects of **foreign debt** and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights
GRULAC	Brazil	Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental **health**
GRULAC	Mexico, Guatemala	Special Rapporteur on the rights of **indigenous peoples**
GRULAC	Cuba	Working Group on the use of **mercenaries** as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination
GRULAC	Mexico	Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **migrants**
GRULAC	Argentina, Brazil	Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by **older persons**
GRULAC	Cuba	Independent Expert on human rights and **international solidarity**
GRULAC	Mexico	Special Rapporteur on the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering **terrorism**
GRULAC	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica,	Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on **sexual orientation and gender**

	Mexico, Uruguay	**identity**
WEOG	Germany, Finland	Special Rapporteur on **adequate housing** as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living
WEOG	France	Working Group on **Arbitrary Detention**
WEOG	Portugal	Special Rapporteur on the **right to education**
WEOG	Sweden	Special Rapporteur on **extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions**
WEOG	United States of America	Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to **freedom of opinion and expression**
WEOG	Norway	Special Rapporteur on the situation of **human rights defenders**
WEOG	Austria	Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **internally displaced persons**
WEOG	Austria	Special Rapporteur on **minority issues**
WEOG	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of **slavery**, including its causes and consequences
WEOG	Denmark	Special Rapporteur on **torture** and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
WEOG	Canada	Special Rapporteur on **violence against women**, its causes and consequences
WEOG	Spain, Germany	Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking **water and sanitation**

Cross regional sponsors (13 thematic mandates)

Regional Group	Country	Mandate
African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC, EEG, WEOG	Maldives, Costa Rica, Slovenia, Switzerland, Morocco	Special Rapporteur on the issue of Human Rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable **environment**
African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, EEG, GRULAC, WEOG	United States of America, Czech Republic, Indonesia, Lithuania, Maldives, Mexico, Nigeria	Special Rapporteur on the rights to **freedom of peaceful assembly and association**
African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, EEG, GRULAC, WEOG	France, Albania, Romania, Belgium, Peru, Chile, Philippines, Senegal, Morocco	Special Rapporteur on **extreme poverty** and human rights
African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC, EEG, WEOG	Hungary, Australia, Botswana, Maldives, Mexico, Thailand	Special Rapporteur on the **independence of judges and lawyers**

African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC, EEG	Non Aligned Movement	Special Rapporteur on the **right to development**
African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC, WEOG	France, Argentina, Japan, Morocco	Working Group on **Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances**
African Group, GRULAC, EEG, WEOG	Norway, Russian Federation, Ghana, Argentina and cross-regional group	Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other **business** enterprises
African Group, GRULAC, WEOG,	Argentina, Switzerland, Morocco	Special Rapporteur on the **promotion of truth**, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence
Asia-Pacific Group, WEOG	Germany, Philippines	Special Rapporteur on **trafficking in persons**, especially women and children
EEG, WEOG	European Union	Special Rapporteur on **freedom of religion or belief**
GRULAC, EEG, WEOG,	European Union, GRULAC	Special Rapporteur on the **sale of children**, child prostitution and child pornography
GRULAC, WEOG	New Zealand, Mexico	Special Rapporteur on the human rights of persons with **disabilities**
GRULAC, WEOG	Brazil, Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Norway, Switzerland	Special Rapporteur on the right to **privacy in the digital age**

Country mandates

Single regional sponsors (8 country mandates)		
Regional Groups	**Country**	**Mandate**
African Group	Djibouti, Somalia, Nigeria	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Eritrea**
African Group	African Group	Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Mali**
African Group	African Group	Independent Expert on the situation of Human Rights in **Sudan**
African Group	African Group	Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Central African Republic**
African Group	African Group	Independent Expert on the enhancement of capacity building and technical cooperation with **Côte d'Ivoire** in the field of human rights
Asia-Pacific Group	Japan	Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in **Cambodia**
GRULAC	Haiti and group of friends	Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in **Haiti**

WEOG	Sweden	Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in the **Islamic Republic of Iran**

Cross regional sponsors (6 country mandates)		
Regional Groups	**Country**	**Mandate**
African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC, EEG, WEOG	Cross regional group	Independent Expert on the situation of Human Rights in **Somalia**
African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC, WEOG	Cross regional group (WEOG and Organisation of Islamic Cooperation)	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Syrian Arab Republic**
African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC	Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, Arab Group	Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in the **Palestinian territories** occupied since 1967
EEG, WEOG	European Union	Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in **Myanmar**
EEG, WEOG	European Union	Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in **Belarus**
EEG, WEOG	European Union	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

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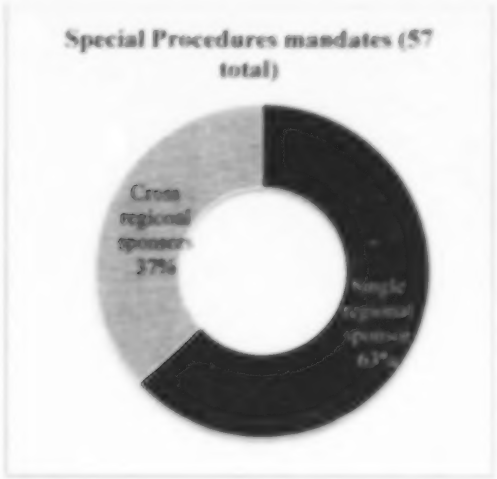

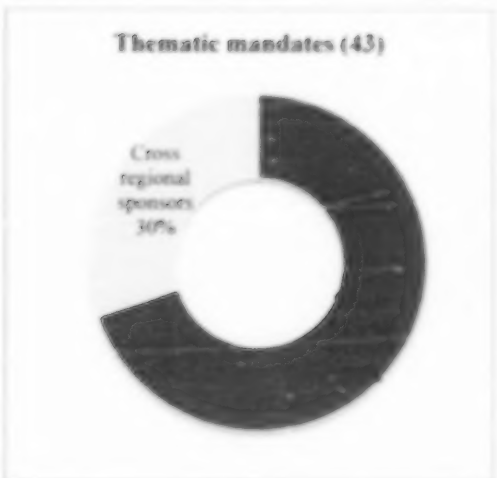

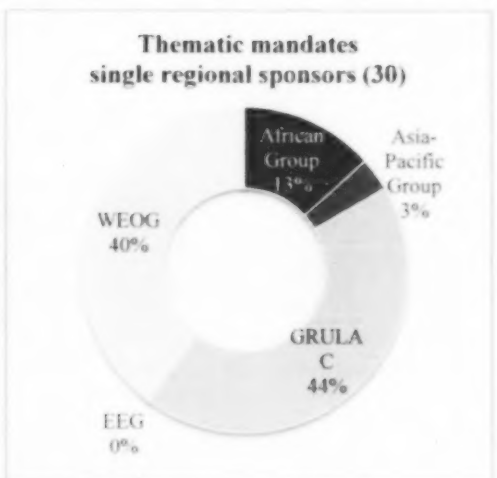

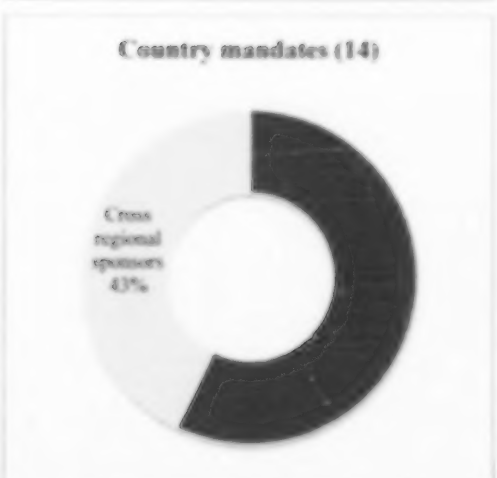

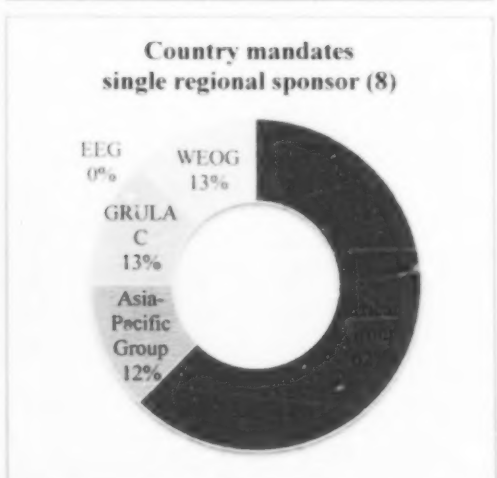

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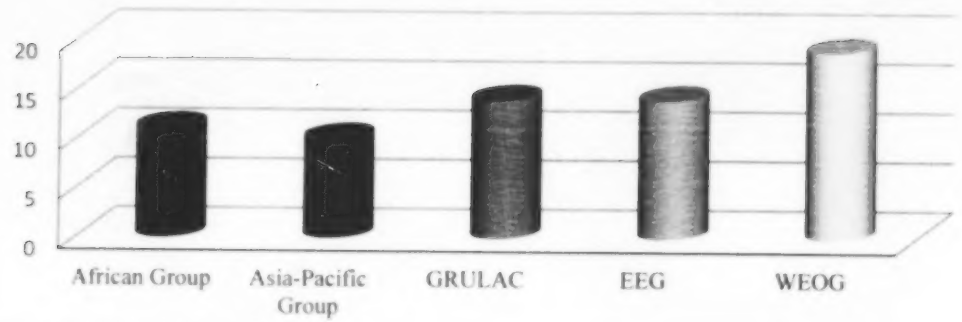

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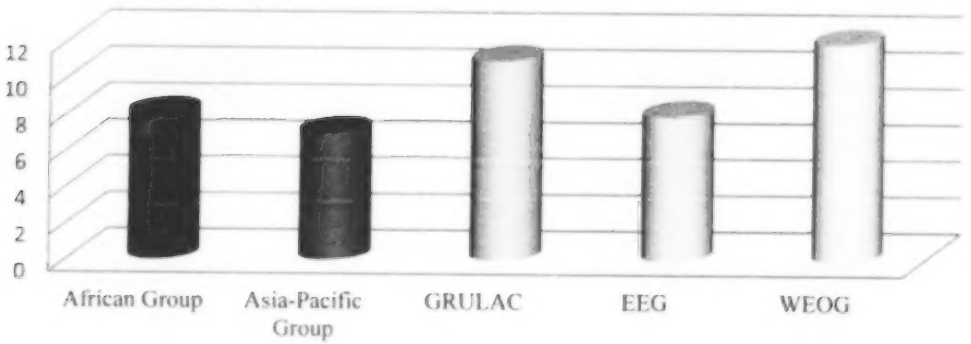

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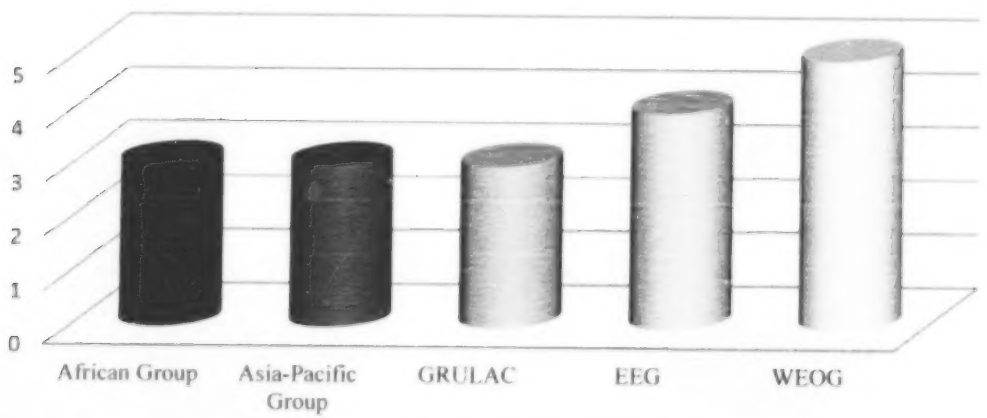

XIV. Revised terms of reference for country visits by special procedure mandate holders

During country visits, special procedures mandate holders of the United Nations Human Rights Council, as well as United Nations staff accompanying them, should be given the following guarantees and facilities by the Government that invited them to visit its country:

(a) Freedom of movement in any part of the country, including facilitation of transport, particularly to restricted areas;

(b) Freedom of inquiry, in particular as regards:

(i) Contacts with central and local authorities of all branches of government;

(ii) Private contacts with representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, other private institutions and the media;

(iii) Confidential and unsupervised contact with witnesses and other private persons, including persons deprived of their liberty, considered necessary to fulfil the mandate of the mandate holder;

(iv) Access to all prisons, detention centres and places of interrogation as considered necessary by the mandate holder to fulfil his or her mandate; and

(v) Full access to all documentary materials relevant to the mandate;

(c) Assurance by the Government that no person or group of persons, whether acting in their official or individual capacities, who cooperate, seek to cooperate, or have cooperated with the mandate holder in relation to the mandate, will for this reason suffer intimidation, threats, harassment or punishment, be subjected to judicial proceedings or to any other kind of reprisals by any means whatsoever; assurance that any measures that could deter such cooperation or be perceived as such, will be avoided. These assurances should apply before, during and after the conduct of country visits.

(d) Appropriate security arrangements without, however, restricting the freedom of movement and inquiry referred to above;

(e) Extension of the same guarantees and facilities mentioned above to the appropriate United Nations staff who will assist the special procedures mandate holder before, during and after the visit.

XV. Forums, consultations, workshops, expert meetings and other events organized by mandate holders

Thematic mandates

Mandate	Description of events organized by mandate holders
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with **albinism**	From 17 to 19 June 2016, the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism organized a consultative forum titled "Action on albinism in Africa" in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, in cooperation with the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and various partners (including OHCHR, United Nations Country Team, World Bank, civil society organizations Standing Voice and Under the Same Sun, as well as various embassies). The Forum brought together over 150 participants from 26 countries in the region representing civil society, governments, national human rights institutions, regional and international governmental organizations and academia. During the two-day Forum, participants identified specific measures to address attacks against persons with albinism. Based on these measures, the Independent Expert is drafting a regional action plan to address attacks against persons with albinism. In this framework, the forum set-up a "think tank" to pursue its dialogue with the Independent Expert. On 8 November 2016, the Independent Expert, with the support of the Open Society Foundation, convened a high-level meeting in Pretoria, South Africa, to consult with representatives from the United Nations, the African Union, governments and civil society on the draft action plan to address attacks against persons with albinism. From 14 to 15 November 2016, the "think tank" elected during the consultative Forum held in June 2016, along with selected experts, convened in Nairobi, Kenya, with the support of the Open Society Initiatives of Southern Africa and of Eastern Africa, to refine the measures identified in the draft action plan to address attacks against persons with albinism and to build them into an effective road map containing concrete and achievable time-bound measures designed for the African context.
Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other **business enterprises**	From 2 to 3 March 2016, the Working Group held a meeting in Santiago, Chile, in cooperation with OHCHR Regional Office for South America. The meeting was held at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and was titled "Regional consultation for Latin America and the Caribbean on public policy for the implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in the Framework of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development". It had an emphasis on the implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and feedback received noted that the meeting created a valuable space in which participants could share cross-regional practice and lessons learned on the implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the development of national action plans. The Working Group presented a report of the meeting to the thirty-second session of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/32/45/Add.4). From 19 to 20 April 2016, the Working Group convened the first United Nations Asia Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights in Doha, Qatar, in collaboration with OHCHR. The Asia Regional Forum attracted some 400 participants from 60 countries with the programme covering 30 different sessions. During the Forum, participants explored the salient business and human rights issues across Asia and identified areas at the national level where accelerated action is needed by States and companies to prevent and address business-related human rights harm. The Working Group presented a report of the meeting to the thirty-second session of the Human Rights

	Council (A/HRC/32/45/Add.2). The Asia Regional Forum programme, session concept notes, statements and written submissions are available on the Forum webpage: http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Business/Pages/2016AsiaRegionalForum.aspx On 7 June 2016, the Working Group organized, together with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Working Party on Responsible Business, a workshop for policy makers on national action plans on business and human rights at OECD headquarters in Paris, France. The meeting was held on the margins of the OECD Global Forum on Responsible Business Conduct (8 to 9 June 2016), and build upon a joint policy workshop on National Action Plans held at the OECD in June 2015. From 14 to 16 November 2016, the fifth annual Forum on Business and Human Rights took place under the guidance of the Working Group on Business and Human Rights. The Forum brought together more than 2,000 registered participants from 140 countries, representing the private sector, governments and civil society, around a programme of 67 thematic sessions. The programme addressed a number of key business-related human rights challenges around the globe where greater State and business leadership and leverage urgently need to be applied. Also reflecting the fifth anniversary of the endorsement of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the Forum aimed to drill down on a number of core issues and examine the role of many different stakeholders along the value chain and across business relationships. Broadly, the programme reflected four key messages: (1) States should "lead by example"; (2) Leadership and leverage should be exercised by all enterprises that make up the value chain (including parent companies, suppliers and financial institutions); (3) Better models of action and accountability are needed to drive business respect for human rights in order for companies to play a meaningful role in implementing the Global Goals; (4) Efforts should be increased to improve access to remedies for victims of human rights abuses and take concrete action to protect those in particularly vulnerable situations. The number of participants reflected the recognition of the Forum as the world's foremost multi-stakeholder gathering for constructive dialogue and action on business and human rights. The report of the Forum will be presented to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-fifth session in June 2017. On 15 December 2016, the Working Group convened a half-day expert consultation in Geneva, Switzerland, on the question of what an effective judicial remedy exactly means in relation to business-related human rights abuses, which is the theme of the Working Group's report to the seventy-second session of the General Assembly in 2017.
Special Rapporteur in the field of **cultural rights**	On 27 October 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized a side-event on the margins of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly in New York, together with together with OHCHR and UNESCO, titled "Time to End Intentional Destruction of Cultural Heritage: A Human Rights Call to Action".
Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with **disabilities**	In July 2016, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, together with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, organized an expert meeting on indigenous persons with disabilities, which convened for the first time the main United Nations and other international experts from both constituencies, as well as indigenous persons with disabilities. Following this meeting, the situation of indigenous persons with disabilities was discussed for the first time ever at the 9th session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP). The expert group meeting provided a common framework of discussion for the EMRIP session, on issues such as access to social services, access to justice, and the identification of safeguards to avoid assimilation, preserve the autonomy and self-determination of indigenous persons with disabilities.

	In September 2016, the Special Rapporteur convened a regional expert consultation in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, focusing on access to support services by persons with disabilities, which was attended by persons with disabilities and their representative organizations from the African region, government officials, United Nations human rights experts and academics. Discussions focused on how to ensure the provision of different forms of rights-based support and assistance for persons with disabilities, in consultation with them.
Working Group on **Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances**	In February 2016, the Working Group held an expert consultation in Rabat, Morocco, on the margins of its 108th session on enforced disappearance and non-State actors.
Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable **environment**	On 3 March 2016, the Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment organized a side-event on the margins of the thirty-first session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland, on "Implementation of human rights obligations relating to the environment". From 12 to 15 April 2016, the Special Rapporteur co-organized a symposium and judicial workshop on "New Frontiers in Global Environmental Constitutionalism" at North-West in Potchefstroom, South Africa, in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP, North-West University (South Africa) and Widener University (United States of America). From 20 to 22 September 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized an expert consultation on biodiversity and human rights, in cooperation with the UNEP and the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), and a public consultation on the same topic in Geneva, Switzerland. The outcome of these consultations is contained in the Special Rapporteurs' report to the thirty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/34/49). More information on these and other activities organized by the Special Rapporteur is available at: http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Environment/SREnvironment/Pages/Activities.aspx
Special Rapporteur on **extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions**	On 3 February 2016, the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions organized a Meeting of Experts on Private Security and the Right to Life in Geneva, Switzerland. The discussions aimed at informing the Special Rapporteur's report to the thirty-second session of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/32/39). From 4 to 6 February 2016, the Special Rapporteur convened the Second meeting of the Minnesota Protocol Working Group in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting brought together Members of the Working Group in charge of the revision of the United Nations Manual on the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-Legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions (the Minnesota Protocol) to take stock, deliberate and move forward with the revision of the manual. On 5 February 2016, the Special Rapporteur convened a Public Consultation on the revision of the United Nations Manual on the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-Legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions (the Minnesota Protocol), in Geneva, Switzerland. The consultation attracted representatives from more than 25 States and offered a further opportunity to States and other interested parties to engage in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur and OHCHR, and to present their views regarding the process of revision of this manual. From 11 to 13 May 2016, the Special Rapporteur co-organized, together with the Geneva Academy, the First Annual Expert Seminar on the right to life. The seminar, which was held in Geneva, Switzerland, brought together practitioners and other experts who work on right to life issues on a daily basis in human rights and

	humanitarian institutions worldwide, as well as leading academics in this field, both as presenters and participants. On 20 June 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized a side-event on the margins of the thirty-second session of the Human Rights Council on "Private Security: Precaution and Accountability on the Use of Force" in Geneva, Switzerland. The purpose of the side-event was to explore the standards to which individual acts by private security, as well as the systems of regulations in which they operate, may be judged with respect to the right to life.
Special Rapporteur on the right to **food**	On 4 and 5 October 2016, the Special Rapporteur on hazardous substances and wastes together with the Special Rapporteur on the right to food organized an expert consultation, in Geneva, Switzerland, bringing together 20 international experts. The first day focused on the Good Practices report that the Special Rapporteur on hazardous substances and wastes will present to the thirty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council in September 2017. The second day was devoted to a discussion on the issue of pesticides and the right to food for a joint report to be presented by the Special Rapporteur on the right to food to the thirty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/34/48).
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to **freedom of opinion and expression**	On 29 February 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized an expert consultation on the issue of freedom of expression and the private sector in the digital age in preparation of his thematic report presented to the thirty-second session of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/32/38). The consultation was held in Geneva, Switzerland, and brought together around 30 international experts.
Special Rapporteur on the rights to **freedom of peaceful assembly and of association**	In May and November 2016, the Special Rapporteur convened expert meetings in Kenya and Thailand, respectively, on the exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in the workplace in preparation of his report to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly (A/71/385) and his report to be presented to the thirty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council in June 2017.
Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of **hazardous substances and wastes**	On 4 and 5 October 2016, the Special Rapporteur on hazardous substances and wastes together with the Special Rapporteur on the right to food organized an expert consultation, in Geneva, Switzerland, bringing together 20 international experts. The first day focused on the Good Practices report that the Special Rapporteur on hazardous substances and wastes will present to the thirty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council in September 2017. The second day was devoted to a discussion on the issue of pesticides and the right to food for a report to be presented by the Special Rapporteur on the right to food to the thirty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/34/48).
Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental **health**	From 25 to 28 January 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized an expert meeting on his report on the right to health of adolescents that was presented to the thirty-second session of the Human Rights Council in June 2016 (AHRC/32/32). On 26 May 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized a regional consultation on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the right to health in Nairobi, Kenya. The consultation brought together regional civil society organizations from Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania with the objective to inform and support the Special Rapporteurs' thematic report presented at the seventy-first session of the General Assembly in October 2016 (A/71/304). On 20 and 21 June 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized a regional consultation on the SDGs and the right to health in Washington, DC, United States of America. This consultation built on a previous one held in Kenya and aimed at informing the Special Rapporteurs' thematic report on the right to health and the SDGs (A/71/3'4). On 13 and 14 October 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized an expert meeting on the

	"Right of Everyone to Mental Health" in Vilnius University, Lithuania. The meeting aimed at informing upcoming thematic reports, notably the Special Rapporteurs' report on mental health to be presented to the thirty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council in June 2017. It also aimed at formulating recommendations for the wide-range of stakeholders of the mandate.
Special Rapporteur on adequate **housing** as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living	From 17 to 20 October 2016, the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing participated in the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, Habitat III, in Quito, Ecuador, including in high level panels, discussions and events, as well as in preparatory work towards ensuring references to the right to adequate housing in the final outcome document, the New Urban Agenda. In this context, the Special Rapporteur launched a Global Campaign "the Shift" at an event she organized together with OHCHR and other international partners to reclaim the centrality of the right to adequate housing and its relevance in an urbanized world.
Special Rapporteur on the situation of **human rights defenders**	On 4 and 5 July 2016, the Special Rapporteur conducted an expert meeting in Florence, Italy, on environmental and land rights defenders. The recommendations stemming from this meeting contributed to the report on the same subject which the Special Rapporteur presented to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly in October 2016 (A/71/281). In August 2016, the Special Rapporteur carried out a series of regional consultations in Costa Rica and Honduras on the topic of impunity. The findings of these consultations may lead to a substantive report on the subject. In June 2016, the Special Rapporteur held a follow-up meeting with representatives of the International Coalition of Women Human Rights Defenders in Geneva, Switzerland, as part of his continuous efforts to promote and protect women human rights defenders.
Special Rapporteur on the independence of **judges and lawyers**	On 11 and 12 June 2016, the Special Rapporteur chaired an expert group meeting, organized with the support of the Human Rights House Network and the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, in Belgrade, Serbia. The event, which was attended by more than 40 lawyers and legal professionals from Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, as well as by representatives of international and regional legal organizations, examined the situation of lawyers and the legal profession in their respective regions. On 15 June 2016, the Special Rapporteur held an open informal consultation with representatives of civil society, including associations of legal professionals, to discuss issues related to the independence of lawyers and the legal profession.
Special Rapporteur on the rights of **indigenous peoples**	In 2016, the Special Rapporteur arranged a global consultation in New York as well as three regional consultations on trade agreements in Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and Africa. The Special Rapporteur also organized a global consultation on conservation measures in New York to inform her thematic report to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly (A/71/229). See also under Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities.
Independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable **international order**	On 14 October 2016, the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order convened an expert meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss a strategy to follow-up on the recommendations contained in his report on tax fraud and human rights presented to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly (A/71/286); and to collect inputs on the role of international financial institutions in the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, which will be the main topic of his report to be presented to the thirty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council. More information about this meeting is available at: http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/IntOrder/Pages/Consultations.aspx

Working Group on the use of **mercenaries** as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination	On 14 April 2016, the Working Group held an expert panel on foreign fighters and new forms of mercenarism in Geneva, Switzerland. The event brought together Member States, representatives of UN agencies, representatives of academia and civil society. It focused on the evolution of mercenarism, motivations among foreign fighters and mercenaries, implications for accountability and access to remedies for victims. The panellists recognised the security threat posed by foreign fighters, including radicalised fighters returning to their home countries. The discussions in the panel event contributed to the findings in the report of the Working Group to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly (A/71/318). On 21 July 2016, the Working Group held an expert panel on the privatisation of warfare in New York, United States of America. The event covered issues such as the effect of the privatisation of war on the right to self-determination, the effect of the privatisation of war on accountability for human rights violations, effective access to remedies for victims and options for the regulation of private military and security companies. Participants at the event included Member States, representatives of civil society organizations, representatives of UN agencies and representatives of victims of human rights violations reportedly committed by private military and security companies. A video of the event can be viewed here: http://webtv.un.org/search/privatization-of-war-the-impact-on-human-rights/5045320002001?term=mercenaries On 15 September 2016, the Working Group organized an exhibition titled "Private Actors in Warfare: Stories from victims of private military and security companies and foreign fighters" in Geneva, Switzerland. The event involved two victims of reported human rights violations by private military and security company personnel who shared their experiences and the challenges they faced in accessing effective remedies for the human rights violations they suffered. Professional photographs of victims of private military and security companies as well as foreign fighters were also on display for the public to see. The event was organized to give voice to victims of PMSCs and the difficulties in holding such companies accountable for human rights violations. The Working Group organized an exhibition of the virtual reality film: "Clouds over Sidra", to show the impact of the activities of foreign fighters shown in Geneva, Switzerland, between 15 and 30 September 2016. The event was organized to provide an opportunity for interested individuals to witness through virtual reality, the impact of the activities of foreign fighters on human lives. The film centred on the experience of a 12 year old Syrian refugee girl displaced by the activities of foreign fighters in her home country and who had lived for over a year in a refugee camp in Jordan.
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of **migrants**	Between 5 and 9 December 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized two workshops on access to justice for migrants, one in Dakar, Senegal, and one in Rabat, Morocco, with the support of Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) and together with the respective National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs). OHCHR's West Africa Regional Office (WARO) in Dakar and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Office in Rabat were instrumental in preparing these workshops. A report on these consultations identifying the main challenges and providing concrete recommendations will be published early 2017 and disseminated through OIF, WARO, the NHRI's and the Special Rapporteur's network. More information is available at: http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Migration/SRMigrants/Pages/ExpertConsultation.aspx
Special Rapporteur on **minority issues**	On 27 October 2016, the Special Rapporteur on minority issues convened a consultative session in New York ahead of the ninth session of the Forum on Minority Issues on the topic "Minorities in situations of humanitarian crises". From 24 to 25 November 2016, the ninth session of the Forum on Minority Issues took place in Geneva, Switzerland, under the guidance of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues. Over 500 participants from all regions participated to discuss key

	issues of global concern regarding minorities in situations of humanitarian crises and to make specific recommendations to protect and promote their rights. The Forum produced a number of recommendations, which will be presented to the thirty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council in March 2017 (A/HRC/34/68).
Special Rapporteur on **extreme poverty** and human rights	On 13 June 2016, the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights organized a side-event on the margins of the thirty-second session of the Human Rights Council on "Taking Economic and Social Rights More Seriously", in cooperation with the ATD Fourth World, an international non-governmental organization. Discussions focused on the importance of treating economic and social rights as human rights and identifying a potentially effective strategy to promote these rights through a framework of recognition, institutionalisation and accountability.
Special Rapporteur on the right to **privacy**	From 19 to 20 July 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized the expert conference entitled "Privacy, personality and flows of information" in New York, United States of America. The conference gathered representatives of civil society, academics and other authorities working on the issue of privacy. From 11 to 12 October 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized the International Intelligence Oversight Forum 2016 held in Bucharest, Romania. The forum gathered for the first time authorities working on intelligence oversight and experts coming from over 20 countries to discuss challenges and best practices in the promotion of intelligence oversight.
Special Rapporteur on freedom of **religion or belief**	From 8 to 10 June 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized a conference on "Freedom of Religion or Belief and Sexuality" in Geneva, Switzerland, in collaboration with Muslim for Progressive Values. The conference aimed to understand the resistance, obstacles and conflicts that exist in allegedly contradictory human rights issues such as the right to freedom of religion or belief and rights of Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) persons. The conference also identified the patterns of inter-sectional discrimination that individuals face due to their expressions of religious identities or sexuality. Furthermore, it sought to explore the range of initiatives that have been taken to address discrimination or violence in the name of religion committed against those who express their religious identities or sexuality openly. Finally, the conference explored new synergies for better future cooperation among the participants in their work. A conference summary is available at: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Religion/FORBAndSexualitySummary.pdf On 22 September 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized a workshop on "Religion and Religious Freedom in International Diplomacy" in Geneva, Switzerland, in collaboration with the World Council of Churches and Finnish Ecumenical Council. The main objectives of the workshop were (1) to understand the use of religion in foreign policies including in development and humanitarian aid; (2) to sensitize the need of both "literacies" on religions and religious freedom in international diplomacy and foreign policies; (3) to find ways to contribute to the advancement of religious literacy and freedom of religion or belief. A summary of the workshop is available at: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Religion/WorkshopReligion.pdf
Special Rapporteur on the **sale of children**, child prostitution and child pornography	On 2 May 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized a workshop titled "Child online protection: the road ahead, emerging trends and technologies" together with the International Telecommunication Union, which took place in Geneva, Switzerland, in the context of the World Summit on the Information Society Forum. On 7 June 2016, the Special Rapporteur, held a launch event for a series of publications on the mandate, including a child-friendly booklet on the work of the Special Rapporteur on sale of children, with the support of Plan International, in Geneva, Switzerland. From 19 to 20 September 2016, the Special Rapporteur held an expert meeting on

	illegal adoption in Leiden, the Netherlands, co-organized with Terres des Hommes Netherlands and hosted by Leiden University, in preparation for her thematic study on illegal adoption (A/HRC/34/55).
Special Rapporteur on **torture** and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	On 7 March 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized a side-event on the margins of the thirty-first session of the Human Rights Council on "Effective Monitoring of Child Detention Facilities". On 10 March 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized a second side-event on the margins of the thirty-first session of the Human Rights Council on "Working Together towards Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty". From 7 to 8 July 2016, the Special Rapporteur held an expert consultation on the legal, ethical, scientific and practical arguments against the use of torture, other ill-treatment and coercive methods during interviews of suspects, victims, witnesses and other persons in various investigative contexts to inform his report to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly (A/71/298).
Special Rapporteur on **trafficking in persons**, especially women and children	On 14 July 2016, the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons convened a meeting with representatives from multi stakeholder initiatives and industry coalitions working on tackling exploitation of workers in supply chains. On 31 October 2016, the Special Rapporteur convened a second meeting with social auditors in New York to discuss key challenges, strategies and solutions in detecting trafficking in persons in business supply chains.
Special Rapporteur on the promotion of **truth**, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence	On 25 and 26 April 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized an expert meeting on participatory approaches to transitional justice, hosted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in New York. On 15 September 2016, the Special Rapporteur facilitated a meeting for staff of a large number of departments of the United Nations Secretariat and agencies to reflect on how to improve joint analysis and coordination of transitional justice activities at the domestic level. On 9 and 10 November 2016, the Special Rapporteur held regional consultations on transitional justice in the Asia-Pacific region in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The results of the consultations will be reflected in the study requested in paragraph 1 (f) of Human Rights Council resolution 18/7, to be submitted to the thirty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council.
Special Rapporteur on **violence against women**, its causes and consequences	On 1 June 2016, the Special Rapporteur convened an expert group meeting on femicide aimed at defining modalities for the establishment of national/regional/global level of femicide watch and observatories on violence against women, with the support of the Centre for Women, Peace and Security at the London School of Economics, United Kingdom. It brought together 16 experts from the academic world, civil society and United Nations agencies and bodies with technical and practical expertise and experience in working on violence against women, including on statistics and crime prevention, who discussed recent global and regional initiatives in the area of femicide. The discussion and material shared by the participants informed the Special Rapporteurs' report to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly (A/71/398).
Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking **water and sanitation**	On 3 June 2016, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation organized an expert meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, on "gender and the rights to water and sanitation" in preparation of his thematic report to the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/33/49). In September 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized a side-event in the margins of thirty-third session of the Human Rights Council on his thematic report on gender and the rights to water and sanitation (A/HRC/33/49).

	in October 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized a side-event in the margins of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly on his latest thematic report on gender and the rights to water and sanitation (A/HRC/33/49). On 13 October 2016, the Special Rapporteur co-organized a webinar on "Participation, Gender and the Rights to Water and Sanitation" together with the Rural Water Supply Network.
Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice	From 15 to 16 July 2016, The Working Group organized an expert meeting on good practices in the elimination of discrimination against women in New York, United States of America, together with the Due Diligence Project and the Global Women's Institute of the George Washington University. The expert consultation aimed at informing the Working Groups' compendium on good practices to be presented at the thirty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council in June 2017.

Country mandates

Mandate	Description of events organized by mandate holders
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the **Central African Republic**	On 3 June 2016, the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic organized a consultation in Paris, France, with representatives of the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) to discuss the human rights situation in the country.
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in **Eritrea**	The Special Rapporteur held consultations in Switzerland from 1 to 8 September, in Brussels, Belgium, from 26 to 30 September, and in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 28 to 30 November, with several Member States, European Union and African Union officials, civil society and other interlocutors on the follow-up to the findings and recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in Eritrea with a particular focus on accountability. In November 2016, the Special Rapporteur organized a side-event in the margins of the 'Symposium On The 10th Anniversary Of The African Court On Human And Peoples' Rights' and 'The Fifth Annual High-Level Dialogue On Democracy, Human Rights, Women's Rights And Governance In Africa' held in Arusha, Tanzania, from 21 to 26 November 2016. The main objective of the mission was on follow-up to the recommendation by the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in Eritrea calling on the African Union to establish an accountability mechanism to investigate, prosecute and try individuals reasonably believed to have committed crimes against humanity.
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the **Palestinian territories** occupied since 1967	On 25 October 2016, the Special Rapporteur spoke at a panel he co-organized together with the Columbia Law School Human Rights Institute and the Center for Palestine Studies entitled "Human Rights, International Law, and the Israeli Occupation of Palestine: A Conversation with Professor Michael Lynk, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967" in New York, United States of America. On 26 November 2016, the Special Rapporteur spoke at a side-event held in the margins of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly he co-organized with the Norwegian Refugee Council entitled "From Dispossession to Resilience: The De-development of Palestine and its Normative and Humanitarian Implications.".